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UNITED STATES ECONOMY

Inflation reaches 41-year high

Lamont: Number is ‘backward-looking’

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Consumers were alarmed Wednesday by the new report that inflation nationwide had reached 9.1%, but Gov. Ned Lamont says the number is backward-looking.

Lamont told reporters in Hartford that the national inflation number for June does not reflect the recently falling prices for many items, including gasoline.

“I think when you look at oil,

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A shopper browses Wednesday for groceries in New York. Grocery prices rose 12% in the past year. ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFP

CPI hits 9.1% as new Fed rate hike looms

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates aggressively — trends that raise the risk of a recession.

The government’s consumer price index soared 9.1% over the past year, the biggest yearly increase since 1981, with nearly half of the increase due to higher energy costs.

Lower-income and Black and

Hispanic Americans have been hit especially hard, since a disproportionate share of their income goes toward essentials such as transportation, housing and food.

But with the cost of many goods and services rising faster than average incomes, a vast majority of Americans are feeling the pinch in their daily routines. Grocery prices have jumped 12% in the past year, the steepest climb since 1979.

Accelerating inflation is a vexing problem for the Federal Reserve too. The Fed is already engaged in the fastest series of interest rate

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ELIZABETH PARK ANNIVERSARY



Raheem Wallace and Jasmine Ellison, who is just over six months pregnant with the couple’s first child, walk through the rose garden at Elizabeth Park in Hartford to get pictures celebrating the pregnancy. DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

‘THE GEM OF HARTFORD’

Elizabeth Park celebrates 125 years with events this week

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

Christine Doty’s earliest memories of Elizabeth Park are ice skating and feeding the ducks with her parents when she was just a young girl. Doty, who grew up in both Simsbury and West Hartford, said it’s seeing all the joy the park brings others that gives her the most satisfaction.

“I had no idea when I first started in this position how much support this park has,” said Doty, who has been president and CEO of the Elizabeth Park Conservancy since 2014. “People come here from all over and we have a dedicated staff with many volunteers who are very passionate about the park. It’s amazing how much support we have.”

The park is celebrating its 125th anniversary this week through July 17. Festivities include guided garden tours, craft shows, live music under the tent, a paint-

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Rosemarie Tate, co-chair for Elizabeth Park’s anniversary celebrations, helps with Health & Wellness Day on Wednesday.

“This park is free and family friendly. It has widespread appeal and provides entertainment for our diverse culture. It’s truly a gift to our community.” — Rosemarie Tate, co-chair for the celebration

1995 HOMICIDES

Man gets 60 years in slaying of daughter

Honsch previously was sentenced to life for fatally shooting wife

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

For nearly two decades, New Britain police detectives searched for whoever shot 17-year-old Elizabeth Honsch in the head, wrapped her in garbage bags and dumped her body like trash near Westfarms Mall.

The killer, the police learned after scouring the country for clues, was Elizabeth’s father, Robert Honsch, who would also be charged with the murder of Elizabeth’s mother, his wife, Marcia. On Thursday, Honsch — crippled by a stroke, using a wheelchair, unable to speak clearly and partially deaf — was sentenced to what is effectively a life sentence for Elizabeth’s murder.

The 60-year sentence is the second, if largely symbolic life sentence imposed on Honsch, now 78. He is currently serving a life sentence in Massachusetts for the murder of Marcia Honsch. Honsch is accused of pressing a gun barrel to the heads of both women and pulling the trigger. Medical evidence suggests death in both cases was immediate. But instantaneous death certainly did not spare Elizabeth what Superior Court Judge Laura F. Baldini said in court Thursday was a moment of “immediate terror.”

“Her body was dumped like a piece of garbage behind a liquor store,” Baldini said.

Police officers on patrol discovered Elizabeth’s body on Sept. 28, 1995. Her body was warm, leading investigators to conclude she had been shot only hours earlier. A week later, a hiker discovered the body that would later be identified as Marcia Honsch in Tolland State Forest in western Massachusetts. Marcia had been dead about a week.

DNA testing showed the women were related, probably mother and daughter. But police would learn little more about the women for another 19 years, including who they were.

The break came in 2014 from leads developed in New York State through a missing persons report filed by relatives of Marcia and Elizabeth Honsch. Additional genetic testing linked the two



Honsch

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State officials decry rate hikes sought by health insurers

A group of Connecticut officials on Wednesday assailed proposed double-digit increases in health insurance rates amid high inflation and the enduring pandemic. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Lamont

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gas, commodities, wood, we're just talking about steel, we are bending the curve there," Lamont said when asked by The Courant. "So, in that sense, 9.1 is a backward-looking number. I think you will continue to see supply-chain problems in China, given COVID, so that's not pretty. But it does make you worry about recession again because 9.1 is going to mean the Fed is probably going to do another 75, even 100 basis points and that will slow down the economy."

Lamont was referring to the Federal Reserve Board, which is expected to raise interest rates by 0.75% or 1% in an attempt to cool the economy and bring inflation under control.

The much-watched number was released Wednesday by the federal labor department — hitting the highest level since November 1981 under then-President Ronald Reagan.

Lamont's opponent in the November election, Bob Stefanowski of Madison, blamed Lamont for the increasing prices.

"People are hurting in CT and around the country," Stefanowski tweeted. "Wages are falling, costs are surging, and people are being left behind. Inflation is a tax on the people of Connecticut, and it's the policies of @GovNedLamont and his good friend Joe Biden to blame!"

While some other states have been considering sending stimulus checks to residents, Lamont said that move is not necessary.

"First, get people to take advantage of the things we've done," Lamont said. "Some things are easier. The gas tax cut, the earned income tax credit. That's coming through automatically. The property tax cut — people will see that benefit soon."

Lamont says some state residents still have not taken advantage of the state's new child tax rebate, which allows a credit of \$250 each for a maximum of three children per family. But residents must specifically sign up before the deadline of July 31 - rather than having an automatic rebate.

The state tax department has mailed out informational postcards to more than 300,000 households that meet the income guidelines. Families can apply at portal.ct.gov/DRS and click on the icon that says,



Gov. Ned Lamont says the 9.1% inflation rate is a "backward-looking" number. Here, he surveys the record collection at the back of the Semilla Cafe at 1283 Main Street near Dunkin' Donuts Park on Wednesday in Hartford. CHRISTOPHER KEATING/HARTFORD COURANT

"2022 CT Child Tax Rebate." "For anybody with a kid under 18 and you've got less than \$200,000 in income, that's \$750," Lamont said, referring to the maximum credit for three children. "Sign up. Go to 211 and sign up."

Lamont, a wealthy Greenwich business entrepreneur, said he's keenly aware of the impacts of rising prices.

"Inflation is slamming people," he said. "All I'm trying to say is you look at grain, soybeans, oil, you look at those wholesale prices, they've come down say 10% in the last few weeks. That will be reflected. But in the meantime, I've got to do everything I can to help out people. That's what these tax cuts and rebates are all about."

Lamont made his comments near the Hartford police station as he unveiled a \$6.3 million state grant as part of a \$17 million project to build 61 apartments at both market and below-market rates, as well as more than \$8,500 square feet of retail space. Two vacant buildings near Dunkin' Donuts Park will be rehabilitated off Main Street in a previously blighted area.

"Anyone with their feet planted in the money struggles of Connecticut's working and middle class knows today's inflation rate is not backward-looking as Gov. Lamont suggests," said Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford. "Inflation is here, and it hurts. The costs for family budgets continue to climb. Gas is more expensive, food is more expensive, going to

the doctor is more expensive, and there's no relief from the state."

The newest inflation number captured attention across the political spectrum, generating widespread news coverage.

Dita Bhargava, a Greenwich Democrat who is running in a three-way primary for state treasurer, said the numbers will hit more than consumers in the stores.

"This is especially somber news for Connecticut state workers and teachers," Bhargava said. "Higher inflation will continue to force the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates and result in further pressure on stocks and bonds. The Connecticut pension portfolio is 70% invested in stocks and bonds. It's imperative that the portfolio be diversified into inflation-protected securities as soon as possible."

Greenwich resident Leora Levy, who is running in a three-way primary for U.S. Senate, and other Republicans blamed Biden and the \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus plan for causing the increased prices.

"Today's inflation numbers are a direct indicator of Democrats' out-of-touch, failed, economic policies," Levy said. "Thanks to Democrats' wasteful spending, it is costing families over \$400 more every month and forcing them to make the hard decisions like whether to buy groceries or fill their tank with gas."

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Inflation

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hikes in three decades, which it hopes will cool inflation by tamping down borrowing and spending by consumers and businesses.

The U.S. economy shrank in the first three months of the year, and many analysts believe the trend continued in the second quarter.

"The Fed's rate hikes are doing what they are supposed to do, which is kill off demand," said Megan Greene, global chief economist at the Kroll Institute. "The trick is if they kill off too much and we get a recession."

The likelihood of larger rate hikes this year pushed stock indexes lower in afternoon trading. The central bank is expected to raise its key short-term rate later this month by a hefty three-quarters of a point, as it did last month.

As consumers' confidence in the economy declines, so have President Joe Biden's approval ratings, posing a major political threat to Democrats in the November congressional elections. Forty percent of adults said in a June AP-NORC poll that they thought tackling inflation should be a top government priority this year, up from just 14% who said so in December.

After years of low prices, a swift rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession — combined with supply-chain snags — ignited inflation.

Consumers unleashed a wave of pent-up spending, spurred by vast federal aid, ultra-low borrowing costs and savings they had built up while hunkering down. As home-bound Americans spent heavily on furniture, appliances and exercise equipment, factories and shipping companies struggled to keep up and prices for goods soared. Russia's war against Ukraine further magnified energy and food prices.

In recent months, as COVID fears have receded, consumer spending has gradually shifted away from goods and toward services. Yet rather than pulling down inflation by reducing goods prices, the cost of furniture, cars, and other items has kept rising, while restaurant costs, rents and other services are also getting more expensive.

The year-over-year leap in consumer prices last month followed an 8.6% annual jump in May. From May to June, prices rose 1.3%, following a 1% increase from April to May.

Some economists believe inflation might be reaching a short-term peak. Gas prices, for example, have fallen from \$5 a gallon reached in mid-June to an average of \$4.63 nationwide Wednesday — still far higher than a year ago.

Shipping costs and commodity prices have also begun to fall, and pay increases have slowed. Surveys show that Americans' expectations for inflation over the long run have eased — a trend that often points to more moderate price increases over time.

"While today's headline inflation reading is unacceptably high, it is also out-of-date," Biden said Wednesday. "All major economies are battling this COVID-related challenge."

The latest disappointing data on inflation came out at the outset of Biden's trip to the Middle East, where he will meet with officials from Saudi Arabian to discuss oil prices, among other subjects.

Republican members of Congress have blamed the higher prices on Biden's economic policies, specifically his \$1.9 trillion financial support package approved in March 2021.

There have been signs that inflation was slowing before — last summer, and in April of this year — only for it to surge again in subsequent months.

"There may be some relief in the July numbers — commodity prices have come off the boil, at least — but we are a very, very long way from inflation normalizing, and there is no tangible sign of downward momentum," said Eric Winograd, an economist at asset manager AB.

Some people are placing blame on companies for using inflation as a cover to raise prices beyond the amount they need to cover their own higher costs.

Most economists say corporate price gouging is, at most, one of many causes of runaway inflation and not the primary one.

Housing and rental costs are rising steadily as solid job gains encourage more Americans to move out on their own. Rents have risen 5.8% compared with a year ago, the most since 1986.

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PLAY3 NIGHT 7 2 9 WB: 5
PLAY4 NIGHT 4 0 9 3 WB: 8

CASH 5

6 8 21 28 34

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8 14 23 47 48 LB: 9

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5 10 15 17 18 26

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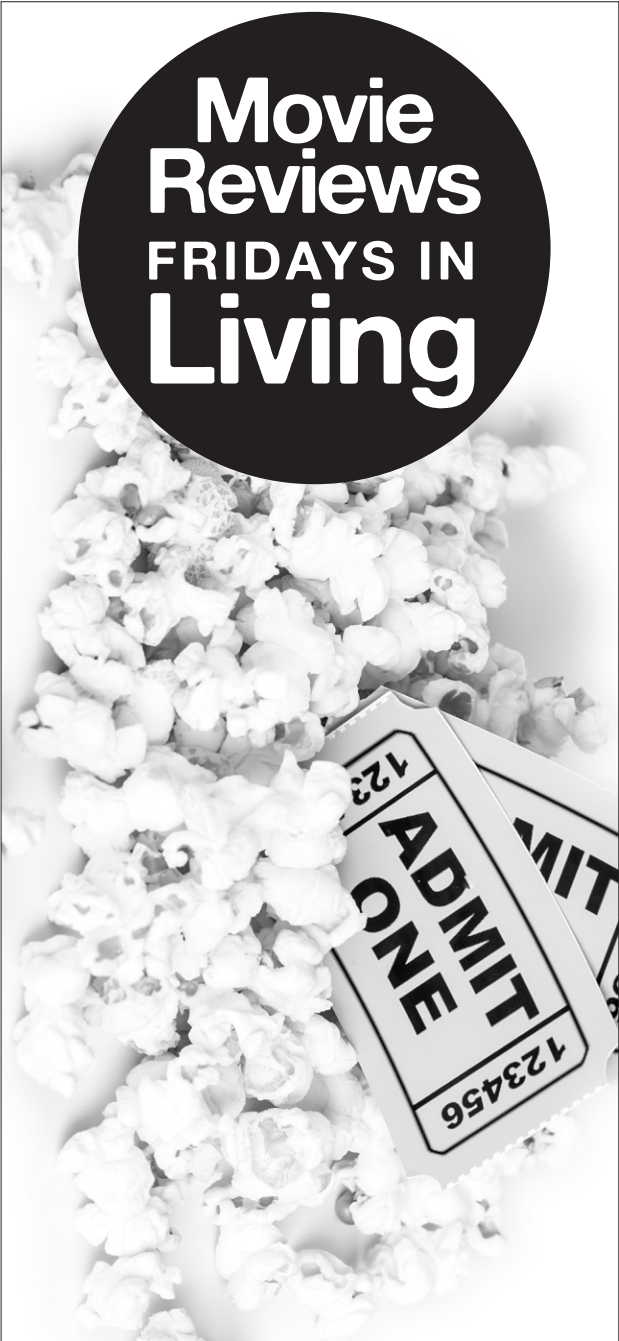





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ing event with local artists and a kid's day on Saturday that includes face painting, entertainment and contests.

"I think it's an extraordinary achievement for a public park to be thriving for this long," Doty said. "It's a testament to how popular this park really is."

Elizabeth Park opened to the public in the spring of 1897, and is home to America's oldest public rose garden. In 1894, industrialist Charles Pond donated his estate to the City of Hartford to be named a public park in honor of his wife, Elizabeth. "Elizabeth Park came about during the so called 'Rein of Parks' era," said Bill Hosley, local historian and cultural resource development consultant. "This was the time when five major parks were left to the city including Colt, Pope, Keeney and Goodwin. Hartford at that time was a very wealthy city and many of the parks were donated land from wealthy residents."

The famous rose garden was constructed and designed by Hartford parks superintendent Theodore Wirth between 1903 and 1904. Wirth would later in his career design the Minneapolis system of parks and is widely regarded as the dean of the local parks movement in the United States. But by the mid-1970s, the Rose Garden had fallen into disrepair, and the City of Hartford could not allocate funds to sustain it.

"At one point the city of Hartford was considering bulldozing the rose garden because they couldn't afford the upkeep," Doty said. "That's when a group came together and formed the conservancy to protect and conserve the park for everyone to enjoy."

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy was formed in 1977, as the Friends of Elizabeth Park, by a small group of dedicated neighbors, both urban and suburban, to save the historic rose garden from almost certain demolition. The Conservancy celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2017.

"This is the gem of Hartford," said Rosemarie Tate, co-chair for the 125th Anniversary Celebration and a Conservancy Board of Directors member. "This park is free and family friendly. It has widespread appeal and provides entertainment for our diverse culture. It's truly a gift to



Health & Wellness Day, part of Elizabeth Park's 125th anniversary, is one of many events hosted by the Conservancy. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

our community. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the activities we have planned."

The Conservancy hosts events and educational programs for the public, such as Rose Weekend, to celebrate the Park and the community with music, tours, and family activities. The Conservancy also organizes a free summer concert series, holds plant sales, a gardening lecture series, garden workshops, and organizes tours for the public, such as garden tours, history tours, and tree tours.

"We're constantly doing upgrades and maintaining the gardens to ensure the park lives on for future generations," said Marian Kellner, chairman for the Elizabeth Park Conservancy Board of Directors. "People flock here and relish the experience of this beautiful park."

Kellner, who grew up in Rockville, ended up moving near the park later in life and would often push her young daughter in a stroller around the gardens.

"There are so many great memories here," Kellner said. "It's just wonderful to see people's faces in the park. Everyone is so happy



A historical postcard of Elizabeth Park. CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY/COURTESY

here."

In 1983, Elizabeth Park was placed on the National Register of Historic Places for its significance in American history, architecture,

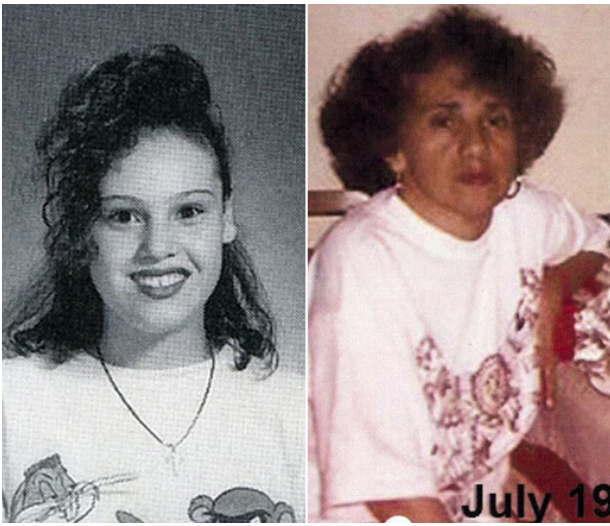
and culture.

For some of the park's patrons, the anniversary is a reminder of why the park has endured as a cultural treasure for over a century.

"I'm always amazed at how beautiful this place is," said Heather Smolley of Durham. "This is what the state needs. A place you can go to and escape. I hope

it will be around for a long time."

For a complete list of events visit elizabethparkct.org/event/125th-anniversary.



The New Britain Police Department in 2014 announced the arrest of Robert Honsch, of Dalton Ohio, who was later convicted of murdering Elizabeth Honsch, left, 17 years old at the time of her death and Marcia Honsch, right, who was Elizabeth's mother. NEW BRITAIN POLICE

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murdered women to family in upstate New York. The family pointed to Honsch, who they described as an abusive husband and father and who they had long suspected.

The investigators learned Honsch had remarried and was living under an assumed name with his new wife and their three new sons in Dalton, Ohio.

Relatives of Marcia and Elizabeth told detectives that, after they lost contact with the mother and daughter, Honsch claimed he had taken a job in Australia and had sent them ahead to await him. Honsch then

traveled to South Africa. When he returned to the U.S., he met his new wife in Louisiana and he was using her name, Tyree, when he was found in Ohio.

New Britain police tied him to Elizabeth's murder though a DNA match and his palm print, which they found on one of the plastic garbage bags.

Honsch has refused to speak with authorities; he claimed at one point to suffer from amnesia. Elizabeth's older sister, Diana Mirabel, testified at the sentencing hearing by remote video connection, hoping "that someday Robert Honsch will find it in his heart to write a letter or something to explain why he did what he did."

Public defender Justin

Smith said Honsch insists he is innocent and intends to appeal his conviction in Connecticut and the sentence.

Honsch was pushed into court in a wheelchair. He was wearing a rumpled pinstripe suit and what remains of his white hair was tied in a pony tail. He was given a set of amplifying headphones so he could hear when Baldini made her sentencing remarks. His mumbled responses to her questions and the way he fiddled with the volume control suggested it was not clear he understood completely.

Juries convicted Honsch of murder in Massachusetts in 2017 and in Connecticut in March.

As Honsch slumped in his wheelchair in the courtroom guarded by three judicial marshals, Baldini said he is guilty of intentional, premeditated murder. She said he made "a series of deliberate choices" and committed a "cruel, inhuman and unconscionable" crime. The fact that he has killed twice makes Elizabeth's murder exceptionally heinous, she said.

She ordered that the 60-year sentence be served concurrent with the life sentence in Massachusetts.

After the sentencing, because of his debilitating stroke, Honsch was unable to sign a form acknowledging his right to appeal, so he was allowed to mark the signature box with an "X."



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Biden talks tough on Iran to Israel

Tehran's nuclear activity looms large in visit to Mideast

By Josh Boak, Josef Federman and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Joe Biden on Wednesday opened his first visit to the Mideast since taking office by offering anxious Israeli leaders strong reassurances of his determination to stop Iran's growing nuclear program, saying he'd be willing to use force "as a last resort."

The president's comments came in an interview with Israel's Channel 12 taped before he left Washington and broadcast hours after the country's political leaders welcomed him with a red-carpet arrival ceremony at the Tel Aviv airport.

"The only thing worse than the Iran that exists now is an Iran with nuclear weapons," Biden said. Asked about using military force against Iran, Biden said, "If that was the last resort, yes."

U.S. ally Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy, citing its nuclear program, its calls for Israel's destruction and its support for hostile militant groups across the region.

The U.S. and Israel are expected Thursday to unveil a joint declaration cementing their close military ties and strengthening past calls to take military action to halt Iran's nuclear program. A senior Israeli official said before Biden arrived that both countries would commit to "using all elements of their national power against the Iranian nuclear threat." The offi-



President Joe Biden dabs at a tear as Israel's President Isaac Herzog, right, speaks with Holocaust survivor Rena Quint on Wednesday at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial museum in Jerusalem. MENAHEM KAHANA/POOL PHOTO VIA GETTY-AFP

cial spoke on condition of anonymity pending the formal release of the statement.

Israeli leaders made clear as they marked Biden's arrival that Iran's nuclear program was the top item on their agenda.

"We will discuss the need to renew a strong global coalition that will stop the Iranian nuclear program," said Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, as he greeted Biden at the airport ceremony in Tel Aviv.

Biden said he would not remove Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps from the U.S. list of terrorist organizations, even if that kept

Iran from rejoining the Iran nuclear deal that was brokered under Barack Obama in 2015 and abandoned by Donald Trump in 2018.

Sanctions on the IRGC, which has carried out regional attacks, have been a sticking point in negotiations to bring Iran back into compliance with the agreement meant to keep it from having a nuclear weapon. Iran announced last week that it has enriched uranium to 60% purity, a technical step away from weapons-grade quality.

Iran insists its program is for peaceful purposes, though United Nations

experts and Western intelligence agencies say Iran had an organized military nuclear program through 2003.

Biden's visit to Israel follows the collapse a coalition-led government headed by Naftali Bennett. The president was greeted by Lapid, the caretaker prime minister who is hoping to hang on to power when Israelis hold their fifth election in three years this fall.

Lapid reminded Biden they first met roughly eight years earlier when Biden was vice president and Lapid was finance minister.

Biden made reviving the Iran nuclear deal a key

priority as he entered office.

But indirect talks for the U.S. to reenter the deal have stalled as Iran has made rapid gains in developing its nuclear program. That's left the Biden administration increasingly pessimistic about resurrecting the deal, which placed significant restrictions on Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief.

At the airport, Israeli President Isaac Herzog thanked Biden for championing Israel during his more than 50 years in public office. He then reminded the U.S. president of the "security challenges emanating directly from Iran and its proxies,

threatening Israel and its neighbors and endangering our region."

Israelis seemed determined to underscore the imminent threat of Iran. Soon after he arrived, Biden was briefed on the country's "Iron Dome" and new "Iron Beam" missile defense systems.

The president later visited the Yad Vashem memorial to Holocaust victims in Jerusalem. Biden, wearing a skullcap, was invited to rekindle the eternal flame in the memorial's Hall of Remembrance. Two Marines placed a wreath on the stone crypt containing the ashes of Holocaust victims and Biden listened as a cantor recited the remembrance prayer.

He then greeted two Holocaust survivors, kissing the women on their cheeks. His eyes welled with tears as he chatted with them.

Biden is set to meet Thursday with Israeli officials, including Lapid, Herzog and opposition leader and former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He'll meet Friday with Palestinian officials.

Biden said he will emphasize in talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders his continued support for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but acknowledged that outcome likely wouldn't be feasible "in the near term."

He maintained that a two-state solution is the best way to ensure a "future of equal measure of freedom, prosperity and democracy for Israelis and Palestinians alike."

His national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, said Biden would not offer any proposals during the trip aimed at restarting talks.

Experts decry little action as COVID-19 cases surge

White House being called out for not reinforcing message

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

With new omicron variants again driving hospital admissions and deaths higher in recent weeks, states and cities are rethinking their responses and the White House is stepping up efforts to alert the public.

Some experts said the warnings are too little, too late.

The highly transmissible BA.5 variant now accounts for 65% of cases with its cousin BA.4 contributing another 16%. The variants have shown a remarkable ability to get around the protection offered by infection and vaccination.

"It's well past the time when the warning could have been put out there," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, who has called BA.5 "the worst variant yet."

Global trends for the two mutants have been apparent for weeks, experts said — they quickly out-compete older variants and push cases higher wherever they appear. Yet Americans

have tossed off their masks and jumped back into travel and social gatherings. And they have largely ignored booster shots, which protect against COVID-19's worst outcomes. Courts have blocked federal mask and vaccine mandates, tying the hands of U.S. officials.

"We learn a lot from how the virus is acting elsewhere and we should apply the knowledge here," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha appeared on TV Wednesday morning urging booster shots and renewed vigilance. Yet Mokdad said federal health officials need to push harder on masks indoors, early detection and prompt antiviral treatment.

The administration's challenge, in the view of the White House, is people's willingness to hear messaging amid pandemic fatigue and the politicization of the virus response.

For months, the White House has encouraged Americans to use of free or cheap at-home rapid tests to detect the virus, as well as the no-cost and highly-effective antiviral treatment Paxlovid. On Tuesday, the

White House called on all adults 50 and older to get a booster if they haven't yet this year — and dissuaded people from waiting for the next generation of shots expected in the fall.

Los Angeles County, the nation's largest by population, is facing a return to a broad indoor mask mandate if current trends in hospital admissions continue, health director Barbara Ferrer told county supervisors Tuesday.

The nation's brief lull in COVID-19 deaths has reversed. The seven-day average for daily deaths in the U.S. rose 26% over the past two weeks to 489 on Tuesday.

The coronavirus is not killing nearly as many as it was last fall and winter, and experts do not expect death to reach those levels again soon. But hundreds of daily deaths for a summertime respiratory illness would normally be jaw-dropping, said Andrew Noymer, a public health professor at the University of California, Irvine. He noted that in Orange County, California, 46 people died of COVID-19 in June.

"That would be all hands on deck," Noymer said. "People would be like, 'There's this crazy new flu that's killing people.'"



People gather at Los Angeles' Grand Central Market on Wednesday. Amid a new COVID-19 surge, Los Angeles County may reinstate a broad mask mandate. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Instead, proven precautions are not being taken. Vaccinations, including boosters for those eligible, lower the risk of hospitalization and death, even against the latest variants. But less than half of all eligible U.S. adults have gotten one booster, and only about 1 in 4 Americans age 50 and older eligible for a second booster have received one.

"This has been a botched booster campaign," Topol said, noting that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still uses the term "fully vaccinated" for

people with two shots of Moderna or Pfizer. "They haven't gotten across that two shots is totally inadequate," he said.

Noymer said if he were in charge of the nation's COVID-19 response he would level with the American people in an effort to get their attention. He would tell Americans to mask indoors and "until we get better vaccines, there's going to be a new normal of a disease that kills over 100,000 Americans a year and impacts life expectancy."

That message might not fly with people tired of taking precautions after the last two years. Valerie Walker of New Hope, Pennsylvania, is mindful of the latest surge but hardly alarmed.

"I was definitely concerned back then," she said of the pandemic's early days, with images of body bags on nightly broadcasts. "Now there's fatigue, things were getting better and there was a vaccine. So I would say from a scale between 1 and 10, I'm probably at a 4."



Felix and Kimberly Rubio lost their daughter Lexi in the Uvalde school shooting. KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY

Video of police milling in Uvalde school hall sparks outrage

By Acacia Coronado and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — A new wave of anger swept through Uvalde over surveillance footage of police officers in body armor milling in the hallway of Robb Elementary School while a gunman carried out a massacre inside a fourth-grade classroom where 19 children and two teachers were killed.

The video published Tuesday by the Austin

American-Statesman is a disturbing 80-minute recording of what has been known for weeks now about one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history: that heavily armed police officers — some with rifles and bulletproof shields — massed in the hallway and waited over an hour before going inside and stopping the slayings.

But the footage, which until now had not surfaced publicly, anguished Uvalde residents anew and redou-

bled calls for accountability and explanations that have been incomplete — and sometimes inaccurate — since the May 24 shooting. Hours after the video was published, some residents at a Uvalde City Council meeting said they had not been able to bring themselves to watch it.

Jesus Rizo said officers who are paid taxpayer dollars to protect people should not have "sat there" when children were in danger.

"You could've saved some lives. You could have held somebody's hand as they were dying," he said. "The parents could have seen them one last time as they were dying."

Others demanded consequences for police and more information in an investigation marked by confusing statements that have had to be retracted at times.

"Give these families some closure," said Daniel Myers, a pastor and family friend to one of the victims.

An investigative committee led by Texas lawmakers had earlier announced plans to show the video to Uvalde residents for the first time Sunday, in addition to sharing their findings after weeks of closed-door testimony from over 40 witnesses.

"This has been the most unprofessional investigation or handling of it that I've ever seen in my life," Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin told The Associated Press in an interview.

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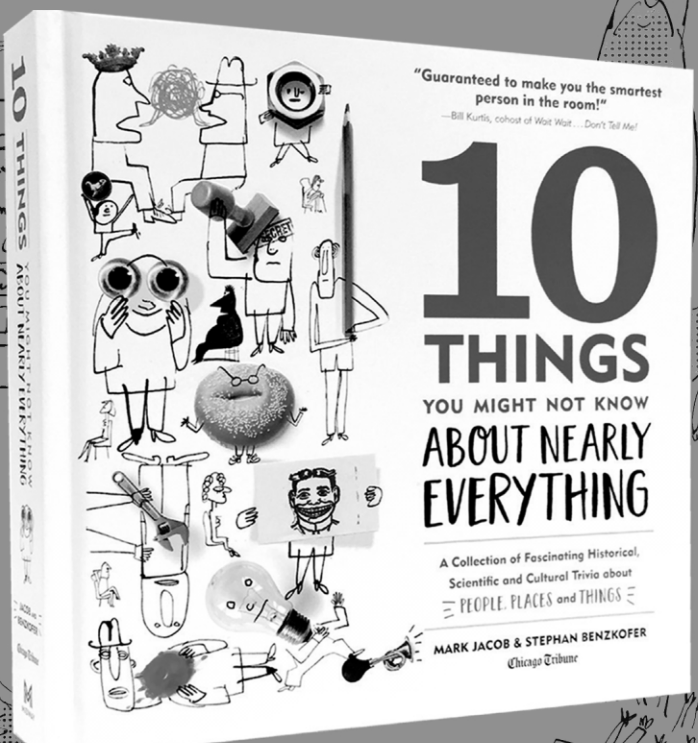
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NEWS BRIEFING

Former CIA software engineer convicted in massive info theft

From news services

NEW YORK — A former CIA software engineer was convicted on Wednesday of federal charges accusing him of causing the biggest theft of classified information in CIA history.

Joshua Schulte, who chose to defend himself at retrial, had told jurors in closing arguments that the CIA and FBI made him a scapegoat for an embarrassing public release of a trove of CIA secrets by WikiLeaks in 2017. Schulte didn't react visibly as U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman announced the guilty verdict on nine counts. The jury had deliberated since Friday.

A sentencing date was not immediately set because Schulte still awaits trial on child pornography possession and transport charges. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

The so-called Vault 7 leak revealed how the CIA hacked Apple and Android smartphones in overseas spying operations and efforts to turn internet-connected televisions into listening devices. Prior to his arrest, Schulte helped create the hacking tools at the agency's Virginia headquarters.

Prosecutors alleged Schulte, 33, was motivated to orchestrate the leak because he believed the CIA had disrespected him by ignoring his complaints about the work environment. So he tried "to burn to the ground" the very work he had helped the agency to create, they said.

In his closing, Schulte claimed he was singled out even though "hundreds of people had access to (the information).... Hundreds of people could have stolen it."

A mistrial was declared at Schulte's original 2020 trial after jurors deadlocked on the most serious counts.

Schulte has been held without bail since 2018.

Graham's denial: Sen. Lindsey Graham wasn't seeking to interfere in Georgia's 2020 election when he called state officials to ask them to reexamine certain absentee ballots after President Donald Trump's narrow loss to Democrat Joe Biden, his lawyers said in a federal court filing.

Graham's lawyers made the argument as part of efforts to fight a subpoena compelling the South Carolina Republican to testify before a special grand jury in Georgia that's investigating Trump and his allies' actions after his 2020 election defeat.

"Senator Graham has never inserted himself into the electoral process in Georgia, and has never attempted to alter the outcome of any election," Graham's attorneys wrote Tuesday in court papers.

Graham was one of a handful of Trump confidants and lawyers named in petitions filed last week by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis as part of her investigation into what she alleges was "a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere."

Child rape suspect: An Ohio man has been charged with raping a 10-year-old girl whose case drew national attention following a doctor's comments that the child had to travel to Indiana for an abortion, an account that had led some prominent Republicans to suggest it was fabricated.

A detective testified Wednesday at an initial court appearance for the 27-year-old suspect that Columbus police learned about the girl's pregnancy through a



People arrive at a memorial service for Jayland Walker on Wednesday in Akron, Ohio. Walker, a 25-year-old Black motorist, was killed June 27 by Akron police in a hail of gunfire after a car and foot chase that began with an attempted traffic stop. A medical examiner's office said it found over 60 wounds on Walker's body. The shooting remains under investigation. GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

referral by Franklin County Children Services that was made by her mother June 22, and that the girl had an abortion eight days later in Indianapolis, The Columbus Dispatch reported.

Appearing Monday on Fox News, Republican Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost had said he hadn't heard "a whisper" from law enforcement in Ohio about any reports or arrests made in connection with such a case.

"Another lie. Anyone surprised?" Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan tweeted in reaction.

Then Wednesday, Jordan tweeted that the suspect "should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." A message was left with his office seeking comment.

Europe wildfires: A spate of wildfires is scorching parts of Europe, with firefighters battling blazes in Portugal, Spain and Croatia on Wednesday amid an unusual heat wave that authorities are linking to climate change.

The sultry weather is also sparking flames in Spain, France and Turkey.

Hot and dry air blown in by African winds are driving temperatures in the Iberian Peninsula beyond their usual highs. Portugal is sweltering under a spike in temperatures that is forecast to send thermometers in the central Alentejo region to 115 on Thursday.

Depp-Heard trial: A Virginia judge on Wednesday rejected an effort by actor Amber Heard to set aside the \$10 million judgment awarded against her in favor of her ex-husband, Johnny Depp.

Depp won a defamation suit against Heard last month in a high-profile civil trial. Heard won a \$2 million judgment on a counterclaim filed against Depp.

This month, Heard filed a motion seeking to have Depp's verdict set aside, or have a mistrial declared. Her lawyers cited multiple factors, including an appar-

ent case of mistaken identity with one of the jurors.

In a written order, Judge Penney Azcarate rejected all of Heard's claims and said the juror issue specifically was irrelevant and that Heard can't show she was prejudiced.

Depp sued for \$50 million after Heard wrote a 2018 op-ed in The Washington Post about domestic violence in which she referred to herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse." The article never mentioned Depp by name, but his lawyers said several passages in the article defamed him by implication by referring to highly publicized abuse allegations she made in 2016 as she filed for divorce.

Heard filed a \$100 million counterclaim, also for defamation.

British politics: Two candidates were knocked out of the race to replace U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday, leaving

six lawmakers battling to lead a Conservative Party — and a country — hoping to move on from months of scandal and division.

Former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Treasury chief Nadhim Zahawi failed to reach 30 votes in a secret ballot by Conservative lawmakers needed to stay in the contest. The remaining contenders will now scramble to scoop up the two men's supporters.

The vote confirmed the front-runner status of ex-Treasury chief Rishi Sunak, who came in first with 88 votes. Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt secured 67 votes.

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss got 50 votes. Former Equalities Minister Kemi Badenoch, backbench lawmaker Tom Tugendhat and Attorney General Suella Braverman also remain on the ballot.

Further rounds of voting will take place Thursday and, if needed, next week, until two candidates remain.



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WORLD & NATION

Shootings place parents under fire

Could killings have been prevented if families took action?

By Mitch Smith, Jack Healy and Frances Robles
The New York Times

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — Days after a gunman opened fire at a Fourth of July parade north of Chicago, Alberto Fuentes arrived at a downtown memorial for the victims, asking himself a question haunting many in this shattered suburb: Could the 21-year-old suspect’s parents have prevented any of this?

“The kid had a problem,” Fuentes, 40, said. “I have kids, too, and if I see something, I have a responsibility. The parents had a responsibility to do something.”

Millions of American parents now worry about their children becoming victims of a mass shooting. But a different nightmare exists for the tiny but growing cluster of parents whose children, nearly always sons, pull the trigger.

Some had spent months or years before attacks worrying about their sons’ mental health and seeking help in vain. But most do not alert authorities before an attack, researchers say, and those parents can face scorn and accusations they ignored warning signs or even enabled attacks by allowing their sons to get deadly weapons.

Afterward, some parents change their names and leave town. A handful tell their stories to prevent future attacks. Others try to vanish through their silence.

“It’s terrifying enough to think you might be the victim of some random piece of violence,” said Andrew Solomon, an author who interviewed parents of the gunmen who attacked Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999 and Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut in 2012. “But



Mourners embrace during a candlelight vigil July 5 at a makeshift memorial in Highland Park, Illinois, a day after a mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade left seven people dead and dozens more wounded. **JAMIE KELTER DAVIS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

to think you might be called out for not knowing, that your child had caused this, is also a terrible fate.”

The parents of the man who is accused in the Highland Park shooting have come under scrutiny in the wake of the attack that killed seven people and left many wounded. Law enforcement officials released records detailing that the father sponsored his son for a fire-arms license in 2019 despite incidents in which his son was said to have attempted suicide with a machete and drew police to his home because, officers were told, he threatened to “kill everyone.” The father has said he did not do anything wrong and was shocked by what had taken place.

As more of the country’s deadliest mass shootings are carried out by killers in their teens and early 20s, prosecutors and researchers are focusing on parents to unravel how their sons

are radicalized, what interventions might have stopped them and whether parents who disregard obvious warnings or provide guns to their children should be held criminally responsible. According to data from the Violence Project, more than 50 people under the age of 25 have killed at least four people in a public setting since 1966. That data excludes mass killings attributed to gang activity, robberies or other underlying crimes.

Parents are sometimes charged with negligence or manslaughter after a child accidentally shoots themselves or someone else with an improperly stored gun. It is far rarer for parents to be charged after their children carry out a shooting spree.

But a handful of recent cases suggests that may be changing.

“It’s some uncharted territory of how much responsibility parents are

going to be held for their kids’ behavior,” said Frank Kaminski, police chief in Park Ridge, Illinois, another Chicago suburb.

When a 15-year-old in Michigan was accused of killing four classmates last year, his parents were charged with involuntary manslaughter; they have pleaded not guilty. And after a 29-year-old man went on a killing spree at a Waffle House in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2018, the man’s father, an Illinois resident, was charged in that state with illegally providing the gun used at the restaurant.

Officials said the Waffle House gunman had been treated for mental health problems and later lost his authorization to own guns in Illinois. When that happened, they said, he transferred possession of the guns to his father. When the son moved away, authorities said, the father returned a rifle to him, which they said

was a crime.

But Michael Doubet, a lawyer for Jeffrey Reinking, father of the Waffle House gunman, said a distinction must be drawn between the responsibilities of the parents of a juvenile offender and of the parents of someone who carries out a mass shooting as a legal adult. Reinking was convicted of unlawful delivery of a firearm and is awaiting sentencing.

“When people are over the age of 18, they’re beyond their parents’ control,” Doubet said.

Researchers say some parents of troubled children do not always know where to turn for help. They hesitate to call police about their sons’ private mental health struggles, before they turn violent, for fear of the lasting effect on their child’s record.

Investigators found deep denial in the Sandy Hook shooting. A detailed state report found the 20-year-

old gunman’s mother did not heed medical experts’ calls to get mental health treatment for him in the years before the shooting and did not restrict his access to guns as his mental health condition deteriorated. The mother, Nancy Lanza, was one of 27 people her son killed.

The question of parental responsibility is especially complicated for gunmen who are often still tethered to home but legally adults and often able to pass background checks and buy fire-arms.

In online messages that appear to have been written by the 18-year-old charged with killing 10 people in a racist massacre at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket in May, the writer fretted that his mother would find the guns he had stashed inside his bedroom at his parents’ house. The same month, the gunman in Uvalde, Texas, also 18, had been living with his grandparents and shot his grandmother in the face before driving to the elementary school where he killed 19 children and two adults.

Some 80% of gunmen in mass shootings show a marked change in behavior before they attack, such as depression, isolation or quitting school or work, said Jillian Peterson, a co-founder of the Violence Project, a national database of mass shootings.

“They did know something was wrong,” she said of many gunmen’s parents. “But we don’t think that a person in our lives could be a person who could do this.”

Researchers say friends, classmates and online contacts of gunmen often first notice a looming threat. Even if they report it, that’s no guarantee of stopping an attack. Before a 19-year-old killed 17 people at a Parkland, Florida, high school in 2018, there were multiple tips to law enforcement warning he was armed and might shoot up a school.



A Soviet-era missile rests Wednesday outside a home in eastern Ukraine. Missile strikes in the country’s southern and eastern sections killed at least 10. **MIGUEL MEDINA/GETTY-AFP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian missile strikes bring death in Ukraine’s south, east

By Maria Grazia Murru
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian missile strikes in Ukraine’s southern city of Mykolaiv killed at least five people, Ukrainian authorities said Wednesday, part of a series of artillery and missile barrages across the country in the past day that left at least 10 dead and dozens wounded in eastern and southern regions.

While Mykolaiv has repeatedly been the target of Russian fire in recent days, Russian missiles also struck the city of Zaporizhzhia on Wednesday, an attack that could signal Moscow’s determination to hold onto territory in Ukraine’s south as it aims to fully conquer the east. Ukrainian forces have stepped up actions in a bid to reclaim more territory in the south.

Also Wednesday, the top U.S. diplomat accused Russia of committing a “war crime” by forcibly deporting hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian men, women and children to Russia with the intention of changing Ukraine’s demographic makeup.

Some of the civilian deaths occurred in the Donetsk province, part of a region the Kremlin is intent on capturing. The city of Bakhmut faced particularly heavy shelling as the current focus of Russia’s offensive, Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

In nearby Luhansk province, which Russian and separatist forces have all but conquered, Ukrainian soldiers battled to retain control of two villages as they came under Russian shelling, Gov. Serhiy Haidai said.

In the Russian attack on the southern city of Zaporizhzhia, two cruise missiles hit a factory and wounded 14 people, Ukrainian officials said.

Russian artillery also rained down in northeast Ukraine, where the regional governor, Oleg Syniehubov, accused Russian forces of trying to “terrorize civilians” in Kharkiv, the country’s second-largest city.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, meanwhile, strongly condemned the “unlawful transfer and deportation of protected persons” from areas in Ukraine that Russia now

controls.

Blinken said an estimated 900,000 to 1.6 million Ukrainian citizens, including 260,000 children, have been interrogated, detained and deported to Russia.

Blinken cited mounting evidence that Russian authorities are detaining, torturing or “disappearing” thousands of Ukrainian civilians who Russia considers a threat because of their potential ties to the Ukrainian army, media, government or civil society groups.

Some Ukrainians, according to reports, have been executed.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian and Russian officials met face-to-face Wednesday in Istanbul for the first time in months. Military delegations from the two countries, along with Turkish and U.N. officials, discussed a potential deal to get grain out of Ukraine’s blockaded and mined ports through the Black Sea.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the meeting took “a critical step forward” to ensure the export of desperately needed grain to help ease the global food crisis.

After president of Sri Lanka flees, crowds train ire on PM

By Krishan Francis and Krutika Pathi
Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka’s president fled the country Wednesday, plunging a nation already reeling from economic chaos into more political turmoil. Protesters demanding a change in leadership then trained their ire on the prime minister and stormed his office.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his wife left aboard an air force plane bound for the Maldives, and he made his prime minister the acting president. That appeared to only further roil passions in the island nation, which has been gripped for months by an economic meltdown that has triggered severe shortages of food and fuel.

Thousands of protesters who wanted Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe to go had anticipated that he would be put in charge. They rallied outside his office compound, and some scaled the walls. The crowd roared its support for the people charging in and tossed water bottles to them.

Dozens could later be seen inside the office or standing on a rooftop terrace waving Sri Lanka’s flag — the latest in a series of takeovers of government buildings by demonstrators seeking a new government.

“We need both ... to go home,” said Supun Eranga, a 28-year-old civil servant in the crowd. “Ranil couldn’t deliver what he promised during his two months, so he should quit. All Ranil did was try to protect the Rajapaksas.”

But Wickremesinghe appeared on television to reiterate that he would not leave until a new government was in place — though he urged the Parliament speaker to find a new prime minister agreeable to both the government and the



A protester dashes through tear gas Wednesday in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Demonstrators want Ranil Wickremesinghe, the acting president, to resign. **ABHISHEK CHINNAPPA/GETTY**

opposition. It was not clear when that would happen, in part because the opposition is deeply fractured.

Rajapaksa has yet to officially resign, but the speaker of the Parliament said the president assured him he would do so later in the day.

The political impasse only threatened to worsen the bankrupt nation’s economic collapse since the absence of an alternative government could delay a hoped-for bailout from the International Monetary Fund. In the meantime, the country is relying on aid from neighboring India and from China.

Police initially used tear gas to try to disperse the protesters outside the prime minister’s office but failed. Eventually security forces appeared to give up, with some retreating from the area and others simply standing around the overrun compound. Inside the building, the mood was celebratory, as people sprawled on elegant sofas, watched TV and held mock meetings in wood-paneled conference rooms. Some wandered around as if touring a museum.

“We will cook here, eat here and live here. We will stay until (Wickremesinghe) hands over his resignation,” said Lahiru Ishara, 32, a supervisor at

a supermarket in Colombo who has been a part of protests since they kicked off in April. “There’s no other alternative.”

Chief of Defense Staff Gen. Shavendra Silva issued another call for calm Wednesday and asked the public to cooperate with security forces. Similar comments in recent days rankled opposition lawmakers, who insisted that civilian leaders would be the ones to find a solution.

Over the weekend, protesters seized the president’s home and office and the official residence of the prime minister following months of demonstrations that have all but dismantled the Rajapaksa family’s political dynasty, which ruled Sri Lanka for most of the past two decades.

Protesters accuse the president and his relatives of siphoning money from government coffers for years and Rajapaksa’s administration of hastening the country’s collapse by mismanaging the economy.

The family has denied the corruption allegations, but Rajapaksa acknowledged some of his policies contributed to the meltdown, which has left the nation of 22 million people laden with debt and unable to pay for imports of basic necessities.

WORLD & NATION

Too old, too frightened to flee war

Some Ukrainians refuse to budge as fighting closes in

By Francesca Ebel
Associated Press

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine — Burned-out cars and splintered trees smolder in the aftermath of a missile strike on Kramatorsk, a city in eastern Ukraine. A body lies on the ground, covered by a sheet. Wounded residents sit dazed and covered in blood. A crater has been gouged in the center of a once-calm, sunlit courtyard. Across the beleaguered city, Valerii Ilchenko sits under the shade of the trees, working on a crossword puzzle. The 70-year-old widower now has difficulty walking, and this daily ritual in the fresh air gets him through the day.

Just last week, the governor of Donetsk province urged its 350,000 remaining residents to move to safer places in western Ukraine. But like many other civilians who have come under fire in the war that started in late February, Ilchenko has no intention of leaving — no matter how close the fighting gets.

“I don’t have anywhere to go and don’t want to either. What would I do there? Here at least I can sit on the bench, I can watch TV,” he said in his one-room apartment where he lives alone.

Moscow and Kyiv are battling for control of the Donbas, a fertile industrial region in eastern Ukraine where a conflict with Russia-backed separatists has raged since 2014. In recent weeks, Russia has made significant gains and is poised to fully occupy Luhansk province, which along with Donetsk province makes up the region. Attacks on key cities such as Kramatorsk and Sloviansk have increased dramatically, killing and wounding scores of civilians weekly.



Pensioner Valerii Ilchenko who lives alone in Kramatorsk in eastern Ukraine, said Wednesday that he has no intention of leaving the city. **NARIMAN EL-MOFTY/AP**

Since the war began, Ilchenko has been unable to call his son and grandson in Moscow. Although he is still somewhat self-sufficient, Ilchenko is nearly immobile. Volunteers make sure he gets regular deliveries of bread, water and cigarettes; neighbors call in from time to time.

The windows of his apartment were blown out in an earlier attack. As he spoke, an air raid siren wailed. But Ilchenko smiled and shrugged.

“Where would I run to when the sirens start? I have no basement, so where? In this building, we all stay right here,” he said.

In urging the evacuation, Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said it would allow the Ukrainian army to better defend towns, adding that about 80% of the region had departed by Monday.

“Once there are less people, we will be able to

concentrate more on our enemy,” Kyrylenko said, adding that shelling had intensified and was “very chaotic.”

Observers say Sloviansk and Kramatorsk could end up like Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk, cities now under Russian control after bombardment so ferocious that they are practically uninhabitable.

“I will be more severe this time — people should leave,” Kyrylenko said.

Yet for many, the urge to stay is strong, because they are retirees or have incomes so low that they fear they cannot support themselves away from what Kyrylenko called their “comfort zone.”

Others worry they won’t be welcome in western Ukraine — a concern based on a perception that some of their countrymen resent the predominantly Russian-speaking easterners and blame them for the

war.

A few harbor pro-Moscow sympathies — either from nostalgia for their Soviet past or from watching Russian state TV. Still others don’t believe their lives will change significantly under a Russian or a Ukrainian flag.

Like Ilchenko, Maria Savon has no plans to leave Kramatorsk. Waiting in line for food under a blinding sun, the 85-year-old is a stooped and fragile figure. When she speaks, however, her high voice rings out across the square.

“Why should I leave? Where one is born, one must die. This is our land. We are not needed there, from time immemorial. Old people, as far as I know, even ask for their native earth before they die,” she said, her voice cracking with emotion.

Savon said she wants to live in a country ruled by Ukrainians — not Russians — but she also is suspicious

of the West. She wants President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to cut ties with Europe and U.S. President Joe Biden, and agree to a cease-fire with Moscow.

Her feelings illustrate the complexity of public opinion in the Donbas.

“I’ll tell you honestly, I feel sorry for the young people, the young men who are dying. I would take that Zelenskyy and tear him apart, along with Biden, with America, with all those fascists,” she said.

A retiree fishing on the Kazennyi Torets River said he loves his hometown but is too old to fight.

“Of course, it would be a shame to leave. Without the apartment, what would I leave my children? We will wait until this ends,” said the man, who identified himself only as Viktor for fear of reprisal.

Then there are those like 38-year-old Lena Ravlis —

both terrified to stay and terrified to go.

“Of course it is very dangerous here, but the road out is very dangerous too,” she said, citing the horrific attack in April on Kramatorsk’s train station that killed 59 civilians and wounded over 100, including children.

Still, as Russian troops march west, a steady flow of people are leaving towns caught in the crosshairs of war. Hundreds depart daily on a train from Pokrovsk.

One woman who asked to be identified only by her first name, Olena, also for security reasons, said that when she fled Sloviansk last week with her small child, she was shocked by the destruction there.

“We waited too long. But finally I decided to save my child and myself. They were shelling us with every weapon in existence,” she said.

US priorities clashing with Ukraine’s desires

Officials wary about stockpile depletion, necessity of training

By Eric Schmitt
and Julian E. Barnes
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Ukrainians say they need faster shipments of long-range artillery and other sophisticated weapons to blunt Russia’s steady advance. The United States and the Europeans insist more are on the way but are wary of sending too much equipment before Ukrainian soldiers can be trained. The Pentagon is concerned about potentially depleting its stockpiles in the coming months.

The Biden administration and its allies are struggling to balance their priorities against Kyiv’s demands as Russian forces intensify their bombardment of cities and villages across eastern Ukraine, according to American and other Western diplomats, military officials and lawmakers.

U.S. officials say Ukraine could mount a counterattack and claw back some — though not all — of the territory it has lost if it can continue to exact a bloody toll on Russia until new weapons can flow in from the West. But some officials are concerned that pulling too many Ukrainian artillery specialists off the front lines for weeks of training on the new weapons could weaken Ukrainian defenses, accelerate Russian gains and make any future counterattacks more difficult to carry out.

“There are no good choices in a situation like this,” said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., head of the Armed Services Committee. “You have to take your best artillery officers and enlisted personnel and send them back for a week or two of training. But in the long run, I think that’s probably the smarter move.”

In addition, Pentagon



Ukrainian soldiers fire a U.S.-supplied M777 howitzer on June 21 at Russian positions in the Donetsk province of Ukraine. The U.S. has already sent Ukraine \$7 billion in weapons from existing Pentagon stockpiles. **TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

officials have expressed concerns about hurting U.S. combat readiness if the war continues for months or longer. After two decades of mostly supporting counterterrorism missions, America’s defense industry largely stopped making the kinds of weapons Ukraine will need to survive a long war of attrition.

The United States has authorized \$54 billion in military, economic and humanitarian aid for Ukraine and has sent more than \$7 billion in weapons drawn from existing Pentagon stockpiles.

Ukraine’s urgent requests come when the United States appears to have reached the high end of the type of sophisticated arms it is providing. The next shipments are to include truck-mounted, multiple-rocket launchers called HIMARS, Harpoon anti-ship missiles and precision-guided Excalibur howitzer shells. But the

fighter jets and advanced armed drones on Ukraine’s wish list have been shelved for now as either overly provocative to Moscow or too time-consuming for the Ukrainians to learn how to use.

The nearly five-month war is at a critical moment, U.S. officials and others familiar with the intelligence assessments say. As many as 100 to 200 Ukrainian soldiers have died every day since Russia shifted its military campaign in the spring to focus on eastern Ukraine. But overall, about 20,000 Russians have been killed. Injuries have taken about 60,000 more off the battlefield. Nearly a third of Russia’s equipment has been destroyed in the war, according to Western officials, including several who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

To replenish its military, Russia would have to mobilize more of its population,

by making a declaration of war — officially the conflict remains a “special military operation” — or by moving troops and equipment from Russia’s Far North or Far East to Ukraine.

That President Vladimir Putin has been reluctant to undertake either move is a sign that he believes time is on his side, officials say. Instead, the Kremlin is trying to fill its manpower shortfall with a motley mix of Ukrainians from separatist territories, mercenaries and militarized National Guard units, and by promising large cash bonuses for volunteers.

Putin might also think that Western support for Ukraine will soon reach its limit as Americans and Europeans grow more anxious about energy prices.

One sign of Putin’s current approach, according to people briefed on the assessments of the campaign, is that the Krem-

lin is no longer pressing for quick battlefield gains as it did in the early push to seize Kyiv. Putin has again reshuffled his top battlefield commanders in recent weeks, and American officials say the Russians have switched to slow, grinding tactics the Kremlin appears content to let play out.

The Russian military has relied heavily on its immense advantage in long-range artillery in eastern Ukraine’s Donbas region, pounding Ukrainian soldiers — as well as cities and towns — from a distance, before trying to move in.

In recent days, some Russian forces have reportedly taken a strategic pause, according to an assessment by the Institute for the Study of War, while others have started shelling towns in Donetsk, a territory in the Donbas.

Many of these Russian troops are slowing to rearm and reorganize after the

brutal artillery duels in the Luhansk portion of the Donbas, while the Kremlin scrambles to fill manpower shortages.

American officials say it will be difficult for Ukraine to mount a counteroffensive in the near term, but that it still has advantages. Throughout the war, the fight has largely favored the defenders, who can inflict heavy casualties from well-protected positions. The Ukrainians have used modern American and European-designed weaponry, including the HIMARS and anti-tank missiles like Javelins and NLAWs, with deadly effectiveness against the Russians. But Russia’s superior firepower has allowed its battered forces to inch forward.

Key to Ukrainian survival and the further slowing of the Russian advance will be additional Western training and hardware.

A recent report by the Royal United Services Institute, a research organization in London, warned that the well-intentioned delivery of various artillery systems to Ukraine was creating unforeseen consequences.

“The current approach by which each country donates a battery of guns in a piecemeal way is rapidly turning into a logistical nightmare for Ukrainian forces, with each battery requiring a separate training, maintenance and logistics pipeline,” the report said.

Authors Jack Watling and Nick Reynolds also concluded that Ukraine needs electronic warfare equipment, such as jamming devices, to combat advanced Russian systems.

“Ukraine has the will to achieve the operational defeat of the Russian military,” the report said. “At present, however, several Russian advantages and Ukrainian weaknesses are leading to an attritional conflict that risks a protracted war, eventually favoring Russia.”

BUSINESS

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US, allies back Russian oil price cap to stall invasion

G-7 leaders’ proposed buyers’ cartel hinges on Chinese, Indian participation

By **Fatima Hussein**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With thousands of sanctions already imposed on Russia to flatten its economy, the U.S. and its allies are working on new measures to starve the Russian war machine while also stopping the price of oil and gasoline from soaring to levels that could crush the global economy. The Kremlin’s main pillar of financial revenue — oil — has kept the Russian economy afloat despite export bans, sanctions and the freezing of central bank assets. America’s European allies plan to follow the Biden administration and take steps to stop their use of Russian oil by the end of this year, a move that some economists say could cause the supply of oil worldwide to drop and push prices as high as \$200 a barrel. Washington and its allies want to form a buyers’ cartel to force Russia to accept below-market prices for oil. Group of Seven leaders have tentatively agreed to back a cap on the price of Russian oil. Simply

speaking, participating countries would agree to purchase the oil at a lower-than-market price. Russia has given no sign whether it might go along with this. The Kremlin also has the option of retaliating by taking its oil off the market, which would cause more turmoil. High energy costs are already straining economies and threatening fissures among the countries opposing Russian President Vladimir Putin for the invasion of Ukraine in February. President Joe Biden has seen his public approval slip to levels that hurt Democrats’ chances in the midterm elections, while leaders in the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy are coping with the economic devastation caused by trying to move away from Russian natural gas and petroleum. The idea behind the cap is to lower gas prices for consumers and help bring the war in Ukraine to a halt. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is currently touring Indo-Pacific countries to lobby for the proposal. In Japan on Tuesday, Yellen and Japanese Finance Minister Suzuki Shunichi said in

a joint statement that the countries have agreed to explore “the feasibility of price caps where appropriate.” However, China and India, two countries that have maintained business relationships with Russia during the war, will need to get on board. The administration is confident China and India, already buying from Russia at discounted prices, can be enticed to embrace the plan for price caps. “We think that ultimately countries around the world that are currently purchasing Russian oil will be very interested in paying as little as possible for that Russian oil,” Treasury Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo told The Associated Press. The Russian price-cap plan has support among some leading economic thinkers. Harvard economist Jason Furman tweeted that if the plan works, it would be a “win-win: maximizing damage to the Russian war machine while minimizing damage to the rest of the world.” And David Wessel at the Brookings Institution said an “unpleasant alternative” is not attempting the price-cap plan.

Fukushima ex-leaders ordered to pay \$94B

By **Mari Yamaguchi**
Associated Press

TOKYO — A Tokyo court on Wednesday ordered four former executives of the utility operating the tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant to pay \$94 billion to the company, holding them liable for the 2011 disaster. In the closely watched ruling, the Tokyo District Court said the former chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Tsunehisa Katsumata, and three other former executives failed to fulfill their duty to implement the utmost safety precautions despite knowing the risks of a serious accident in case of a major tsunami. It said they could have prevented the disaster if they had taken available scientific data more seriously and acted sooner. A magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami destroyed key cooling systems at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, causing three reactors to melt down, spreading massive amounts of radiation in the area and preventing tens of thousands of residents from returning home due to contamination and safety concerns. A group of 48 TEPCO shareholders filed the suit in 2012 demanding that Katsumata and four others — former TEPCO President Masataka Shimizu, former vice presidents Sakae Muto and Ichiro Takekuro, and another executive, Akio Komori, pay \$160 billion in damages. It maintained that they had neglected to heed experts’ tsunami predictions and failed to take adequate tsunami precautions soon enough. Wednesday’s decision contrasted with a Supreme Court ruling last month that found the government not responsible for paying compensation sought by thousands of Fukushima residents over the loss of jobs, livelihoods and communities.



MGM Grand Macau casino resort and other casinos were ordered closed Monday, and streets in the gambling center were empty. **KONG/AP**

Macao aims for theme parks

Beijing wants ‘Vegas of Asia’ to reduce reliance on gaming, increase non-Chinese visitors

By **Joe McDonald**
Associated Press

BEIJING — Losing money due to COVID-19, the American casino giants that helped make Macao the “Las Vegas of Asia” face a fresh challenge: The tiny Chinese territory wants them to help reduce its reliance on gambling by paying to build theme parks and other attractions. The former Portuguese colony stayed out of business decisions for decades and now is aligning with official strategy on China’s mainland, where foreign companies are required to help pay for the ruling Communist Party’s development ambitions, profitable or not. The licenses of MGM Resorts, Las Vegas Sands, Wynn Resorts and three Chinese rivals that invested billions in Macao expire in December. Rules released in early July say any that want to operate over the next 10-year period face an added requirement to invest in “non-gaming projects.” Casinos face still more pressure after they were ordered to close this week, along

with most other businesses, while Macao tries to control a renewed virus outbreak. They already were operating under rules imposed in late June that limited the number of employees to 10% of normal. Financial analysts expect the Americans to get licenses, but the government says bidding is open to anyone. The territory of 700,000 people crowded onto a 12-square-mile peninsula jutting into the South China Sea near Hong Kong is the biggest global center for gambling but is under pressure from Chinese President Xi Jinping’s government to rely less on its dominant industry. Beijing wants theme parks, entertainment and conventions to attract more non-Chinese visitors. Before travel was shut down to fight COVID-19 in 2020, the mainland tried to limit the flow of gamblers across the fenced boundary that separates Macao from Guangdong province. An added complication for the Americans: Relations between Xi’s government and Washington are strained by disputes over trade, technology, human rights and other irritants. Other companies have been hit by retaliation for U.S. tariff hikes, but Macao casinos haven’t been targeted. “There is a high risk that at least one, if not two, may not get a new concession,” said

Ben Lee, managing partner of IGamiX, a gambling industry consulting firm in Macao. “Why would 50% of such a dominant industry in Macao be ceded to foreigners, particularly Americans?” Pressure for change comes as Macao faces growing competition for potential non-Chinese gamblers from casinos in Singapore, Malaysia and Cambodia. Financial analysts expect MGM, Sands and Wynn to be approved for licenses due to the jobs and tax revenue they generate. Their casino hotels with thousands of employees soar above the narrow lanes of Macao’s centuries-old city center and Cotai, a strip of land reclaimed from the sea. Still, the risk an established operator might fail to receive a license “should not be ignored,” Fitch Ratings said in a June 16 report. The Chinese competitors include SJM Holding, part of the empire of the late Stanley Ho, a competitive ballroom dancer and Macao’s “King of Gambling,” who had a four-decade, government-granted monopoly on casinos until 2001. SJM is run by Ho’s daughter Pansy. The others are Melco International, run by Ho’s son Lawrence, and Galaxy Entertainment Group. In total, the six license holders operate 41 casinos.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Gates gives \$20B to ease ‘suffering’

Bill Gates, concerned about the “significant suffering” caused by global setbacks including the COVID-19 pandemic, announced Wednesday that he will donate \$20 billion to his foundation so it can increase its annual spending. The donation, combined with longtime board member Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett’s \$3.1 billion gift last month, brings the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s endowment to approximately \$70 billion That would make it one of the largest in the world, depending on daily stock valuations. The foundation hopes the increased spending will improve education, reduce poverty and reinstate the global progress toward ending preventable disease.

Italy’s ag minister issues water alert

ROME — Italy’s agriculture minister warned Parliament on Wednesday that a third of Italy’s agricultural production was at risk because of drought and poor water infrastructure. Stefano Patuanelli provided the latest data from government research institutes which showed that Italy lost 19% of its available water resources from 1991 to 2020 compared to 1921-1950, and that the next decades could see further decreases of up to 40%. The government has declared a state of emergency in several northern regions because of a prolonged drought and accompanying heat wave that has dried up the Po River, a crucial artery for irrigation across an area of north-central Italy that is a key producer of fruits, vegetables and grain.

Democrats issue warning as chips bill stalls

By **Kevin Freking**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration and congressional Democrats are warning of dire ramifications for the economy and for national security if Congress fails to pass a bill by the end of July that is designed to boost semiconductor manufacturing in the United States. Their appeals have grown increasingly urgent as Senate Republicans led by Mitch McConnell of Kentucky threaten to block the computer chips legislation, creating a standoff that threatens to derail one of the biggest bipartisan initiatives in Congress. Republicans have tied their cooperation to Democrats not moving forward with a

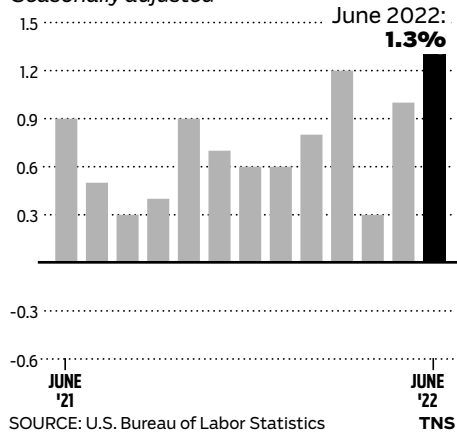
separate package of energy and economic initiatives that GOP lawmakers warn would increase taxes on small businesses and hurt the economy. It’s a demand Democrats dismiss. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said computer chipmakers are being offered lucrative incentives from other countries such as South Korea, Japan, France, Germany and Singapore to locate plants there. She cited Monday’s announcement by STMicroelectronics and GlobalFoundries to build a semiconductor factory in France as an example of other countries moving faster than the U.S. on the issue. “Bottom line is there are very real, very devastating consequences if Congress doesn’t do its job in the month of July,”

Raimondo told Associated Press. Those consequences mean not only lost job opportunities for the U.S., but an over-dependency on other nations for semiconductors that could become a critical vulnerability because they are so important for products ranging from cars and cell phones to modern weapons systems. Raimondo and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, in a letter to congressional leaders, said semiconductor companies need to get “concrete in the ground” by this fall to meet increased demand. The Cabinet members said it was their assessment that further delays in passing the legislation will “result in a deficit of semiconductor investment from which we may not be able to recover.”

Consumer Price Index

In June, the consumer price index increased 1.3 percent.

CPI ONE-MONTH PERCENT CHANGE
Seasonally adjusted



BUSINESS



Some McDonald's managers are finding rewards by training in emotional intelligence to gain a better understanding of their employees and customers. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

McDonald's managers train for skills beyond the burgers

By Daniel Neman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Mo. — The next time you go into a McDonald's, the experience might be subtly different.

If you bring a concern to a manager, she might listen to you with more sensitivity. The employees may be working together with a greater sense of harmony.

The difference is training in a field called emotional intelligence. Last week in Maryland Heights, emotional intelligence coach Roberta Ann Moore led 30 McDonald's managers through a workshop about interpersonal relationships — learning how to read and understand the emotions of others.

For much of this year, about 120 managers in the McDonald's of Metro St. Louis Co-op, a collection of 156-area restaurants, are participating in monthly workshops designed to give them a better understanding of their own emotions and those of their employees and customers.

Moore helps the managers discover how to tolerate stress, feel empathy

for their employees and customers, feel better about themselves, be more assertive and more.

Chris Giarla, one of the three franchise owners who put together the program, said it has already had a measurable impact on the business.

The St. Louis-area restaurants, in a region that stretches from Missouri to Alabama, include about 1,200 locations. For the region as a whole, the turnover rate for employees was more than 200% over the past 12 months.

But locally, the turnover rate stood at a much more manageable 155%. The emotional intelligence workshops have only been held since March, but Giarla credited the improvements on them and similar team-building efforts.

James Lucas, another franchise owner who arranged the sessions, said, "In the McDonald's world in the past, it has always been more about managing tasks and then leading people. In today's world, it's more about emotions."

In one exercise held, Moore, the coach, divided the participants into groups

of five. One told a personal story while the others watched closely to look for clues to the person's emotional state.

One man noticed that a woman repeated the same words in telling her story, indicating to him that she was frustrated. When a woman fidgeted with her hands, the listeners surmised that she was upset; a raised brow meant one man was happy.

Terryl Dayton, a store manager with 25 years' experience, works at the McDonald's in Maryland Heights.

The exercises led Dayton to an understanding: The way workers relate to her may not necessarily be about how they feel about her, but may instead be based on their past experience.

The classes have also helped her realize that people of different generations communicate differently. She now works on understanding how to communicate with employees who are half her age or younger.

Lucas said, "We used to manage food, the product. Now we manage people."

Crypto's plunge a cautionary tale for public pension funds

By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — When the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund bought \$25 million in cryptocurrencies, with the fund's chief investment officer touting their potential, retired fire Capt. Russell Harris was concerned.

Harris, 62, has attended the funerals of 34 firefighters killed in the line of duty. He was already worried about his pension after an overhaul by state and city officials cut payments as they grappled with the ability to pay out benefits.

He didn't see crypto, unproven in his eyes, as an answer.

"I don't like it," Harris said. "There's too many pyramid schemes that everybody gets wrapped up in. That's the way I see this cryptocurrency at this time."

"There might be a place for it, but it's still new and nobody understands it."

The plunge in prices for bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies in recent weeks provides a cautionary tale for the handful of public pension funds that have dipped their toes in the crypto pool over the past few years. Most have done it indirectly through stocks or investment funds that serve as proxies for the larger crypto market.

However, a lack of transparency makes it difficult to tell whether they've made or lost money, let alone how much, and for the most part fund officials won't say.

But the recent meltdown has prompted a larger question: For pension funds that ensure teachers, firefighters, police and other public workers receive guaranteed benefits in retirement after public service, is any amount of crypto investment too risky?

Many public pension funds across the U.S. are underfunded, sometimes seriously so, which leads



Retired Houston Fire Capt. Russell Harris believes that cryptocurrency is a pyramid scheme. A public pension fund for the city's firefighters invested in it. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

them to take risks to try to catch up.

But that doesn't always work out, and the risk extends not just to the funds but to taxpayers who might have to bail them out, either through higher taxes or diverting spending away from other needs.

Keith Brainard, research director for the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, said he wasn't aware of more than a handful of public pension funds that have invested in crypto.

The Department of Labor urges "extreme care" in crypto investments because of the high risks. The recent plunge in crypto prices has caused Washington to more closely scrutinize the free-wheeling industry.

After the collapse of \$40 billion crypto asset known as Terra, senators representing both parties have proposed legislation that would regulate crypto for the first time, and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has called for more oversight of crypto ventures.

The Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund's cryptocurrency investment wasn't very big in what was then a \$5.5 billion portfolio.

It's not clear how that

panned out in the cryptocurrency market slide this year. Officials from fund and the union didn't respond to multiple requests for comment.

But the fund bought in when bitcoin prices were close to their peak of nearly \$67,000, and they've been on the decline since then, dipping below \$20,000 in June.

The fund's chairman, Brett Besselman, said in a first-quarter report that it was healthy with an overall rate of return of 33.7% in 2021.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said earlier this year that the 2017 overhaul is working well and, thanks to strong returns in 2021, has put his city's pension funds well ahead of schedule toward eliminating their unfunded liabilities.

Harris said he sees his pension as a contract that should be honored, given the risks that firefighters routinely take. While he's generally happy with how his pension fund has performed, he's still uneasy about crypto.

Harris also points out that firefighters in Houston and many other communities across the U.S. generally aren't eligible for Social Security.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, July 14, 2022

↓ DOW

30,772.79 -208.54

↓ 10-YR T-BOND

2.90% -05

↑ GOLD

\$1,734.20 +10.90

31,520

30,920

30,320

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 30,772.79

Change: -208.54 (-0.7%)

10 DAYS

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	96.30	95.84	+28.04%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.69	6.16	+79.33%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.23	3.26	+45.12%
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,734.20	1,723.30	-5.11%
Silver (oz)	19.14	18.90	-17.96%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	30,772.79	-208.54	-15.32%
DOW Trans.	13,001.06	-170.89	-21.10%
DOW Util.	956.59	-4.13	-2.47%
NYSE Comp.	14,340.28	-54.75	-16.45%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,247.58	-17.15	-28.11%
S&P 500	3,801.78	-17.02	-20.23%
S&P 400	2,283.92	-5.61	-19.64%
Wilshire 5000	37,848.03	-146.75	-21.90%
Russell 2000	1,726.04	-2.14	-23.13%

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.1906	.8399
Canada	.7712	1.2967
China	.1488	6.7187
Euro	1.0063	.9938
Japan	.007282	137.32
Mexico	.048361	20.6778

Money Rates

	PREV. CLOSE	WK.
Prime rate	4.75	4.75
3-mo. T-Bill	2.38	1.89
6-mo. T-Bill	2.93	2.57
5-yr T-Note	3.02	2.82
10-yr T-Note	2.90	2.81
30-yr T-Bond	3.08	3.03

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	12,756.32	-149.16	-1.16%	-19.70%
London	7,156.37	-53.49	-.74%	-3.09%
Hong Kong	20,797.95	-46.79	-.22%	-11.11%
Nikkei	26,478.77	+142.11	+.54%	-8.03%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	15.14	-46	-44.3	
AT&T Inc (T)	20.45	-15	-16.9	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	77.52	+1.16	-46.1	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	110.40	+1.18	-33.8	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	14.31	-46	-20.3	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	64.17	-21	-26.6	
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Where did Biden go wrong? Look to overdetermination



Jonah Goldberg

President Joe Biden is in deep trouble. A New York Times-Siena College poll released this week is the latest survey showing profound discontent with the president and the direction of the country. His job-approval rating is 33%. More than 6 in 10 Democrats want someone else in their party to run for president in 2024. Only 13% of Americans think the nation is on the right track.

Where did Biden go wrong?

His predicament is what social scientists call an “overdetermined” phenomenon. Something is overdetermined when there’s more than one plausible explanation it. .

For example, Biden’s poll numbers started to drop after his decision to withdraw from Afghanistan. Then again, high inflation, especially energy prices, are poison for any president, particularly one who was so tardy to take it seriously. He betrayed his “return to normalcy” mandate when he decided to “go big” in a partisan pursuit of a new New Deal.

In addition, recent Supreme Court deci-

sions on abortion, guns and climate change were destined to fuel anger and frustration among progressives. Conservatives are happy to chalk it all up to general incompetence, as are an increasing number of, for now, mostly anonymous Democratic politicians and strategists.

And then there’s his age, the most popular explanation according to the polls. A third of respondents in the Times-Siena poll say they want a younger candidate in 2024 — a view held by 94% of Democrats under age 30. Another third of the Democrats gave poor job performance as the reason they want someone else.

But the biggest driver of his problems is ideological and structural.

Biden will be remembered as the last Democratic president shaped by the FDR coalition and its reliance on the white working class and bipartisanship. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party’s ideological base is philosophically and culturally contemptuous of traditional politics (the same is true of the GOP) and is all too happy to blow up that old coalition. Picking Kamala Harris as his running mate was an acknowledgment of this fact. Biden-Harris was a unity ticket.

While his candidacy brought enough moderates and independents into the fold, it was Biden’s implied promise to hand the baton to the left that kept progressives in line (aside from a unifying animosity toward Donald Trump). “I view myself as a bridge, not as anything else,” Biden said at a campaign event where several younger Democrats shared the stage with him.

If Biden had followed an Eisenhower-like policy of leaning into his image as a grandfatherly bipartisan figure above the childish bickering of Washington, it might have worked. As historian Fred Greenstein demonstrated in his book “The Hidden-Hand Presidency: Eisenhower as Leader,” Ike exploited his public persona of the befuddled grandpa, while expertly working his will away from public view.

But Biden let his vanity — specifically the prospect of outshining Barack Obama as a “transformational” president — and his instinct to placate the left get the better of him. Now he’s left with a party that demands an agenda that Biden can’t sell, in no small part because voters don’t want it.

Which brings us to the structural problem. Greenstein observed that “one of the most profound sources of discontent

with the performance of presidents was built into the job” by the founders. “He must serve both as chief of state and as the nation’s highest political executive. The roles seem almost designed to collide.”

The base of his party wants Biden to put all his chips on being a political force in an age that demands performative partisanship and anti-institutionalism. They’re demanding he bulldoze the institutional and constitutional impediments to their will. By pushing for such moves as packing the Supreme Court and abolishing the Senate filibuster — or the Senate — the Make Progressivism Great Again crowd is arguing for a kind of left-wing Trumpism.

For all of those reasons, Biden is not up to the job of selling transformational changes like that. Worse for him politically, such expectations would be too high for any president. Even a popular president couldn’t get rid of the filibuster and trying — even rhetorically — just makes him seem all the more ineffectual and out of touch. He has set himself up for failure, and now he’s following through on it.

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Many alternatives to Trump, Biden



Carl P. Leubsdorf

Donald Trump is reportedly preparing an early announcement of his 2024 candidacy. The White House insists President Joe Biden will seek reelection.

But a lot of prominent figures in both parties are behaving like they don’t believe either will ultimately run — or think they’re eminently beatable.

And the early maneuvering suggests both parties could face free-for-all nominating fights like the GOP in 2016 and the Democrats in 2020, starting the day after the Nov. 8 midterm elections.

Among Republicans, Trump has clearly sought to preempt the field by raising a multimillion-dollar war chest, choosing candidates in many GOP primaries and campaigning like it already is 2024.

But doubts about his real intentions, continuing threats of legal action and concern about the negative aspects of his prospective candidacy always made it likely Republicans would have the kind of contest faced by parties without an incumbent president.

Though polls show the former president starts as the person to beat, his prospective opponents include many of his former closest aides — including former Vice President Mike Pence and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

They’re hardly the only ones. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, shown in recent polls as Trump’s closest rival, has pointedly refused to say he’d back off if the former president runs. Outgoing Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, an anti-Trump moderate, has not ruled out a race. Nor has Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, perhaps the former president’s most outspoken GOP foe.

And an imposing array of GOP senators and governors have followed the usual path that prospective candidates make to help fellow Republicans in such crucial early voting states as Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

The Democratic outlook is even more complicated: The party has a weak incumbent vowing to seek a second term — and an unsettled nominating calendar.

But Biden’s vows are not deterring other candidates, though most of their moves are more covert than overt.

The reasons are obvious: Biden’s age (he would be 86 at the end of a second term); his unpopularity (job approval below 40%); and widespread opposition to his running again (a recent New York Times poll showed more than half of Democrats oppose his seeking reelection — though it also showed him beating Trump).



Pete Buttigieg, currently part of President Joe Biden’s Cabinet, could make a second run at the White House in 2024. **MARIO TAMA/GETTY**

Those making tacit opening 2024 moves include Govs. Gavin Newsom of California and J.B. Pritzker of Illinois — and a member of Biden’s own Cabinet in Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

Newsom, facing weak reelection opposition in November, recently ran an anti-DeSantis television ad in Florida. It urged Floridians to fight GOP efforts to curb freedom through legislation limiting classroom speech and abortions — or move to California to find it.

DeSantis responded by criticizing California’s lockdown policies during the COVID-19 pandemic and accusing Newsom of treating his own state’s citizens “like peasants.”

Pritzker, who recently campaigned for fellow Democrats in New Hampshire and Maine, provided a sharp contrast with Biden’s more restrained response to the recent spate of gun murders, saying he was “furious” and demanding action. He is also heavily favored to win this November.

Any list of potential 2024 hopefuls would also include two other Democratic governors — New Jersey’s Phil Murphy

and North Carolina’s Roy Cooper — and a former Rhode Island governor in Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo.

Pritzker is not the only potential 2024 candidate making the trek to New Hampshire. Two others who ran in 2020, Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Cory Booker of New Jersey, have been there.

Meanwhile, Buttigieg’s current position provides a built-in platform to tour the country, touting the job-creating projects being launched by last year’s massive bipartisan infrastructure law.

The former South Bend, Indiana, mayor also took some political steps. He moved to Traverse City, Michigan, the hometown of his husband, Chasten, ostensibly because the latter’s parents could help provide child care for their recently adopted twins.

Michigan, a swing state that often votes Democratic, might provide a better launching pad for future political endeavors than heavily Republican Indiana.

Buttigieg also reactivated his political action committee to help endangered Democratic candidates this year. And he was the highest-ranking Democrat

to attend a meeting of the Democratic National Committee’s finance council this spring in South Carolina.

The most obvious Democratic alternative to Biden is his vice president, former California Sen. Kamala Harris. She had a rough year politically, given the negative stories about staff problems and her lack of influence within the administration. But the Supreme Court’s decision reversing its Roe v. Wade abortion ruling gives her a powerful platform to campaign on this fall.

Still, Democrats expect Harris to face opposition should she run in 2024. And though age could be a factor in deterring Biden’s candidacy, an aide to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders said the independent might also enter an open 2024 race, though he is even older than the president.

Until the midterm elections, expect a continuation of the shadow 2024 campaign. But once the results are in, it’s likely to emerge openly, in ways unpredictable at present.

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The days of Big Tech’s elite acting above the law are winding down

By Parmy Olson
Bloomberg Opinion

Life for big tech companies looks increasingly different to how it did five years ago. Back then, Uber Technologies Inc. used a secret “kill switch” to thwart police from probing its data systems in over a dozen countries. It forged into cities where its gig-economy model broke local rules, going above the heads of mayors and courting heads of state with aggressive charm offensives that saw the likes of then-French economy minister Emmanuel Macron make personal calls on Uber’s behalf to solve its regulatory problems.

These details and more are laid bare in text messages and emails, part of more than 124,000 confidential documents leaked to the Guardian, which show how Uber executives were fully aware they were acting above the law, jokingly referring to themselves as “pirates.” Uber says it has transformed itself since 2017 under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer Dara Khosrowshahi, and is a different company today from the one that founder Travis Kalanick started. In fact, the documents underscore how much the landscape for

tech founders has changed.

For years it was almost cliché for Silicon Valley founders to believe they could move fast and break things (including laws) because they believed they were making the world a better place in the long run. Mark Zuckerberg justified playing fast and loose with regulators and our data in large part because he was fulfilling a global mission of “connecting people.” Elon Musk appeared to treat regulatory fines as a cost of doing business while pioneering an electric vehicle revolution that could help combat climate change.

Then the wool was pulled back from our eyes. It turned out Facebook may have done more to polarize people. Musk’s Tesla Inc. had been evasive about its environmental footprint and critics have raised questions about its safety standards. And while Uber has made transportation easier for many city dwellers, that’s eroding amid steep fare increases.

Uber’s unscrupulous ways helped build an empire, but also led to political and regulatory blowback, which became all the more humbling amid its struggles to reach profitability. Antitrust officials have been getting tougher on tech deals — reversing

a Facebook acquisition for instance — after admitting they allowed giants like Meta Platforms Inc. and Alphabet Inc. to scoop up many competitors. U.S. lawmakers on both the left and right are raring to tame tech firms’ aggressive growth tactics with tougher laws, spurred by revelations from Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen.

Big Tech could get away for years with “disrupting” the rules because there were so few restrictions on digital marketplaces. That’s why it made sense for Uber and Facebook lawyers to argue they were technology companies and not subject to the laws governing media or taxi firms.

But that is changing. Antitrust officials have updated their guidelines to better deal with the complexities of software and Europe is set to roll out strict laws about online content, echoing similar tightening in Japan and India.

It will be telling to see how a Delaware judge eventually rules on Musk’s desertion of his Twitter deal. A harsh judgment against Musk could further underscore that the days of acting above the law for tech’s elite are over.

Uber’s reckoning has been mixed. Court challenges have forced it to pay driv-

ers a minimum wage in the U.K., but the company hasn’t been punished for creating a ghost app to thwart city officials’ scrutiny of the company. That’s frustrating.

Uber’s aggressive marketing and lobbying strategy didn’t pave the way for a sustainable business model and has yet to help the company turn an annual profit. Its share price has fallen nearly 50% since the start of the year.

Younger ride-hailing firms like Estonia’s Bolt Technology OU meanwhile have taken advantage of all the lobbying work Uber did to roll out its own business, but with less investment in public policy so that it could offer cheaper fares. In a roundabout way, Uber’s grubby courting of politicians may have helped its competitors — at least temporarily. (Bolt has recently had to raise its fares too.)

Uber’s strategy, albeit extreme, has been par for the course for Silicon Valley empire builders, who ask for forgiveness instead of permission. The difference now is authorities are starting to hold tech platforms to account.

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PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of Canton has levied upon 30 East Hill Road in Canton described at Volume 133 Page 115 of the Canton land records and slated it for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. The property is owned by the Estate of Amelia M. Waterhouse and the Estate of Pamela K. Waterhouse, owing \$8,677.18 through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice. The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouses and heirs of Amelia M. Waterhouse and Pamela K. Waterhouse may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale. Unless paid, this property will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 9:00 a.m. on August 9, 2022 at the Canton Community Center, Room F, 40 Dyer Avenue in Collinsville CT. Bidders must present \$5,000 in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com. 7/14/2022 7250716

**INVITATION TO BID
WEST HARTFORD FELLOWSHIP HOUSING
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

WHFH Development Corporation (WHFH) is hereby soliciting qualifications from qualified construction management firms to assist the WHFH management team and Board of Directors with the preservation of the existing West Hartford Fellowship Housing campus and new construction of WHFH Phase I buildings. The specific services to be performed are described in Section 2. Scope of Services in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), available for download at www.csgrupp-llc.com/procurement. This project will receive state and federal funding and will be subject to prevailing wage/ Davis Bacon Wage Regulations, local hiring ordinances, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) regulations, DOH/ CHFA formatting, and bonding and insurances as identified in the RFQ. Statements of Qualification will be accepted at the West Hartford Fellowship Housing Leasing Office, 20 Starkel Road, West Hartford, CT 06117 until 4:00PM Eastern Daylight Time on August 12, 2022. A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for July 19, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Community Room of West Hartford Fellowship Housing at 20 Starkel Road, West Hartford, CT. Please note this is not a mandatory conference; however, no additional walkthroughs are planned for this facility. All inquiries relative to the conditions and specifications as well as clarification of any information contained in the RFQ must be made via email to Mark Garilli, Executive Director of WHFH at mgarilli@whfhdevelopmentcorp.org. Applicants must submit one (1) original, seven (7) copies, and one (1) electronic copy (Adobe PDF) of the submittal on a flash drive. WHFH will evaluate the submittals and develop a shortlist of the qualified firms for interviews. NO FEES OR HOURLY RATE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE RFQ RESPONSE. Mark Garilli, Executive Director WHFH 7/14 - 7/16/2022 7250155

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**LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ROCKY HILL**

For: **RHHS Varsity Baseball Field Reconstruction@Griswold Middle School BID #2023-001**

Bid Opening Date: July 28, 2022
Bid Opening Time: 10:00 am

Place: Town of Rocky Hill-Council Chambers
761 Old Main St Rocky Hill, CT 06067

The Bid forms and specifications will be available on rockyhillct.gov - Bid Notices.

Completed bid packages are due by July 28, 2022 @ 10:00 am in the Town Manager's office, Town of Rocky Hill 761 Old Main St Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

All questions should be directed in writing to Craig Bowman - Director of Parks and Recreation at cbowman@rockyhillct.gov. All addenda will also be posted to the rocky hillct.gov - Bid Notices site. All firms are responsible for checking for new addenda.

Bids will be accepted up until the date and time noted above. The Town Manager, his designee, or Department Head may reject any and all bids if, in his/her opinion, it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

Equal Opportunity Employer, minority/women owned businesses are encouraged to submit a Proposal.

Interim Town Manager, Town of Rocky Hill

7/14/22 7250915

Request For Quotation #06-2201

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Purchasing Services, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Publications, invites qualified contractors to submit quotations to provide binding services.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing the Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web site below at:

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Meriden William V. Albrycht	Windsor Harry Jenkins

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Bayne, Alexander Roy



Alexander (Alex) Bayne passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 30, 2022. Born in 1936, Alex grew up in and around London, England, with his parents, William and Dorothy, and older brother Bill. His childhood was marked by the bombings of London in World War II, evacuations to the countryside, and a decade of rationed food post-War. These events sparked several of Alex's passions—a love for train and plane spotting, snacks, a good meal, and time with family.

At age 16, Alex stopped attending school so he could work to help support his family—"I only had one pair of trousers, so I thought that meant we needed money." He later served 2 years in the Royal Air Force, based in England. He then went to night school to earn his degree in Electrical Engineering. He tinkered with cars and motorbikes, volunteered for political campaigns, and played rugby "for the pint [of beer] after the game." It was after one of those games—dressed in his muddy kit—that he met his elegant wife Sonia, who worked in fashion in London. Sonia was on her way to a formal event and was not sure what to make of him...until she met him again a few weeks later at a political canvassing event. This time he was nicely dressed in a jacket and tie—and this time she said yes to a date.

Alex and Sonia were married a few years later in 1965. In 1970, they won a spot in the U.S. visa lottery and emigrated with their toddler daughter, Sarah, and his Yellow Labrador dog, Ross, to the United States, where their son, Matthew, was born a couple of years later. They lived in Wethersfield, Connecticut, before moving to Simsbury, Connecticut in 1977.

Alex worked for two different engineering firms, including Donovan, Hammick and Erlandson, for the first 15 years in the U.S. In the mid-1980s, he launched his business as an Engineering Consultant, specializing in electrical and roofing projects. He worked from home with a slim staff of his beloved cats—who were generally useless at typing—but good for warming seats and reminding him that it was lunch (tuna) time. Alex thrived in his business as a solo entrepreneur and had a reputation for excellence and integrity in his work and his word.

Alex was a devout man with a gift of healing prayer. He and Sonia were devoted members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, where they found a loving home and spiritual community. They were involved in numerous outreach and youth programs at the church and helped established the Kateri Medical Clinic in Nigeria. Every Saturday morning for decades, Alex hosted a Men's Breakfast gathering for friendship, prayer, conversation, satire, hilarity, and his famous French Toast. He led Emmaus youth weekends for decades, and was one of their longest serving leaders. In later years, Alex and Sonia traveled the world extensively.

Alex was a kind and gentle man, of sharp intellect and great humility. His sense of humor was legendary. Meetings, conversations, and family dinners were typically abundant with laughter, thanks to his comedic stylings, informed by Monty Python, The Goon Show, and Steve Martin.

Alex had four major surgeries over age 75, but was too vulnerable to heal from the fourth as he became infected by COVID while in recovery. Alex was preceded in death by Sonia, his beloved wife of almost 60 years. He is survived by his daughter Sarah and son-in-law Tom, his son Matthew and daughter-in-law Karen, and his grandchildren, Isaac, Henry, and Theo. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and church community. Services to remember and celebrate Alex will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, Connecticut. There will be an open reception with the family from 9 am-10:30 am, a Memorial Service with Communion at 11 am, to be followed with coffee and doughnuts in Trinity's parish hall. Guests are free to come and go as works for them and, if attending the service, are asked to wear a mask. Attire is business dress, business casual, or Aloha/Hawaiian shirts, in honor of Alex—who loved a good Aloha shirt. In memory of Alex pleased get vaxxed and wear a mask, especially if you have symptoms. It's a simple step that can take to protect the lives of loved ones you know and loved ones you don't know. The family ask that in lieu of flowers you make a donation to Doctors without Borders or your local food bank.

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Jenkins, Harry



Harry Jenkins, 81, of Windsor passed away at Hartford Hospital on June 29, 2022, with his loved ones by his side. November 30,1940 Harry was born in Yulee, FL to the late Clarence Collins and Janie "Hannah" Beverly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Union Baptist Church of Hartford for Breakfast and Outreach Ministry, 1921 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120. A celebration of Harry's life will take place on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10:00am with a visitation from 8:30am to 9:30am, usher memorial service from 9:30am to 9:40am and reflections from 9:40 to 10:00am , at Union Baptist Church, 1921 Main Street, Hartford CT. Interment will be held at Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. To leave a message of comfort for the Jenkins family, view the full obituary and live-streamed services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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OBITUARIES

Callahan, David



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David John Callahan on May 26, 2022 at the age of 81. He battled several medical issues in recent years and faced them all with strength, courage, and a smile. He never lost his wit or his sweet tooth, which his family and friends frequently fed with a strawberry shake or donut.

He was born on November 23, 1940 to John Callahan and Mary Callahan Kimball in Pittsfield, MA. He excelled in basketball and in his senior year of high school led the Northern Berkshire league in scoring. He graduated from Boston University in 1964 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While in college he met and married the love of his life, Patricia Gull Callahan.

They moved to Connecticut where he embarked on a stellar 35-year career with Pratt and Whitney and were residents of Glastonbury for the last 45 years. They were blessed with a large family. They first had a daughter Cheryl and five years later triplets Michael, Laurie, and Mark were born.

Family was everything to David. He took great joy in coaching his kids in soccer, baseball, and basketball through high school and was also frequently recognized around town by kids he coached 30 years prior. He was an extremely dedicated father. He never missed an early afternoon high school baseball game or Cleveland Clinic medical appointment, and his calming presence brought his children confidence knowing he was always by their side.

After retiring from Pratt and Whitney he consulted with Belcan Corporation for 13 years. This allowed him plenty of time for golf, a sport he loved to play with family and friends. He was a member of the Blackledge men's club for over 20 years.

However, what brought him the most joy in life was being Papa to his many grandchildren. His love for them was limitless and never ending. They loved to join him on vacations in Florida and Maine. And they all learned to swim in his pool on Stanley Drive, his backyard oasis where he loved to relax on warm summer days and would recite the lyrics to any song from the 50's or 60's.

David is survived by his wife Patricia, his brother Richard Callahan, his sister Kathy Brinnon, his daughter Cheryl Gibney, her husband Jim and their children Kelly, Aidan, and Erin, his son Michael, his wife Valerie and sons Tommy, Nicholas, and Kurt, his daughter Laurie McCormack, her husband John and their children Meghan and Molly, and his son Mark, his wife Robin, and their children Sarah, Sean, Brian, Ava, and Kate.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT at 11 am on Thursday, July 21. There will be no calling hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Mann, Denese (Berg)



Denese Berg Mann of West Hartford, died peacefully at home, July 13, 2022 surrounded by family and caregivers. She was 95 and had just celebrated 74 years of marriage to her beloved husband, Norman. Denese was born Dec. 14, 1926, in Baltimore, the eldest child of Samuel and F. Jeanette Berg. She had two brothers, Gerald

"Buzz" Berg and Elliott M. Berg, both of whom predeceased her. Denese is survived by her husband, Norman, her children, Karen Mann, Roselle Mann, Cynthia Mann (Brian Acker), and Jonathan Mann (Michal), and grandchildren: Alexandra and Zoe Mann-Weiner, Noa Mann Falik, Etan, Leeanne, Yossi and Ya'akov Mann, and Adam Acker. She also leaves two sisters-in-law, Elayne and Sharon Berg, beloved nieces and nephews, and Lee Weiner and Tom Falik. Her brother-in-law, Sheldon Mann, predeceased her. Denese began her university studies at Johns Hopkins, which she interrupted to marry Norman, who was a medical resident at Sinai Hospital. They moved to Hartford so he could establish a practice and they could start a family. Denese returned to school in her '40s to finish her undergraduate education in psychology at Trinity College, where she graduated in 1974. She obtained a master's degree in pastoral counseling at St. Joseph College and practiced family therapy. Denese was active in and committed to myriad Jewish, women's and other civic and community organizations, and she was strong-minded and vocal on behalf of the causes she cared about. She served on the board of Beth El Temple, where she and Norman were among the founding members, and long was active in its Chai Society, helping to plan programming. She loved being a literacy tutor for kindergarteners at the Noah Webster School in Hartford. In her earlier years, she was an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami in 1972, and was a delegate for the National Council of Jewish Women to the first International Women's Conference in Mexico City in 1975. A proud Jewish feminist, she attended the first Jewish Feminism conference in New York in 1972 and published a monograph entitled, The Woman in Judaism, in 1979. Denese was a hands-on mother and grandmother and an unwavering and a zealous advocate for her children and her grandchildren. She was a "room mother" at school in the early years and, later on, didn't miss a play, parade, recital, regatta, concert or opportunity to make Chanukah latkes in the classroom with her grandchildren. She was devoted to her family, friends and community, always stepping forward to bring food, comfort and counsel to the sick or bereaved. She loved and lived Judaism fully and transmitted her love of Jewish tradition and identity to her family, making Shabbat and holidays meaningful and memorable, and making Judaism a source of strength and joy. She was a lifelong learner, swimmer, lecture-goer and lover of the arts, whether in Hartford, New York City or the Berkshires. And she loved music, dancing and laughter until the very end. Denese loved life itself and lived it with joy, love, intention and integrity. The family extends its deepest gratitude to Denese's extraordinary, devoted and loving caregivers: Gloria DaCunha, Pam Elkey, Joyce Woma, Lorna, Dolly Burges and Maria Linhares. A graveside funeral service with Rabbi James Rosen and Cantor Joseph Ness officiating will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Beth El Temple Cemetery, 51 Jackson St., Avon. The family will receive guests immediately following the funeral at Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Ave., West Hartford. Shiva will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm with a service at 7:30 at 1 Hamilton Heights Dr. in West Hartford. Contributions may be made to Trinity College Hillel, Beth El Temple's Mann Family Organ Fund, and the Anti-Defamation League. May Denese's memory be a source of strength and blessing. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, Inc., West Hartford.

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Lovely, Dennis V.



Dennis Lovley passed away on July 9, 2022 at the age of 79 in his hometown of Southington. His battle with medical issues in recent years showed his courage in facing life challenges with a smile, staying strong until the end. Dennis Lovley was a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, and dear friend. He was born on May 7th,

1943 in Presque Isle, Maine. Dennis is survived by his wife, Eileen Lovley; son, Mark Lovley; sister, Donna Marti; brother, Kevin Lovley; beloved granddaughter; Alyssa Lovley, Renée Meuse future daughter-in-law, and many extended family members and friends he held very close to his heart.

With a last name that suited him well in every way, Dennis was a lovely man who would light up a room just by being in it. His infectious smile, pleasant personality, charming spirit, and kindness to others was unprecedented. For those that were blessed to know him understood his extraordinary unconditional love for life. Dennis enjoyed spending time in the kitchen, creating delicious meals for his family and friends. On weekends, neighborhood friends would gather around his card table to enjoy his food, stories about his world travels, stock market predictions and business advice. He had a passionate love affair with the casino and had fun winning or losing, but winning was always better, of course. Against many odds, he mastered winning and succeeding in many aspects of his life. At just 17 years old, Dennis met the love of his life, Eileen, while in high school. They cherished 56 beautiful years together, including many nights as a young couple booking music and club venues for some of the hottest music groups out at the time. It was love at first sight for them both, and she supported his business efforts every step of the way. Together, they had one child: Mark, who inherited Dennis's quick wit, Setback skills, and zest for life. Mark was his pride and joy, best friend, and business partner, of whom he enjoyed owning a golf course with and seeking out spectacular golf courses around the world, naming many of their real estate developments after their favorites.

As a previous home builder and owner of both a lumber and limo company, Dennis was recognized and remembered all over New England leaving an impression everywhere he went and with everyone he met. His life didn't come to an end with his death. Dennis was surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by sharing his stories and kindness and living their lives to the fullest. The family would like to thank the staff at Southington Health Care for their sincere compassion and respect they showed Dennis and his family.

Visiting hours will be from 12-4pm on Sunday, July 17th at DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington. Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Monday, July 18th at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery.

The family invites all friends to honor Dennis at a celebration of life at the Aqua Turf in Southington on Monday, July 18th at 12:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Bread for Life, 31 Vermont Ave, Southington, CT 06489.

For online condolences and directions please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Mennillo, Benedict J.



Benedict "Ben" Mennillo, 99, of East Hartford passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 9, 2022. Born in Hartford on November 27, 1922, to Nicholas and Josephine (Cretella) Mennillo, he had lived in East Hartford since 1958. He was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1940 and the Hartford Institute of Accounting, and later was a proud veteran of

the U.S. Army during World War II. He met his beloved wife Genevieve – they were Ben and Gen to one and all – on the bus to and from the Teachers College of Connecticut (now Central Connecticut State University) and they were married from 1948 until her passing in 1996.

He worked at the Resolute Insurance Company in Hartford until, heeding the call of the outdoors, he became a letter carrier and walked his route in the Burnside Avenue and Main Street areas of East Hartford for nearly 30 years.

In retirement, Ben volunteered for the Friends of the Library, East Hartford Historical Society, East Hartford American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Meals on Wheels and Hartford Hospital, and at the polls on Election Day.

Ben loved his solitary pursuits: keeping a weather log, writing a daily journal, taking long strolls, and listening to ball games. However he was happiest when he was with other people, whether walking his longtime mail route or, in retirement, serving in various volunteer roles

He was an avid fan of the Hartford Chiefs, Boston Braves and Red Sox baseball; New England/Hartford Whalers hockey; Insurance City Open/Greater Hartford Open/Travelers Championship golf; famed boxers such as Willie Pep, Bat Battalino and Kid Kaplan; UConn, East Hartford Explorers and Hartford Capitols basketball; Dovelettes fast-pitch softball; Hartford Knights and Charter Oaks, and New York Giants football; and the Manchester Road Race.

Ben was also a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, The National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Democratic Party.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Joseph Mennillo, and sister, Vincenza (Mennillo) Bilodeau both of West Hartford. He is survived by his son Thomas J. Mennillo and his wife Kim of Newington; his daughter, Lynn S. Mennillo of East Hartford with whom he made his home; two grandchildren, Seth Mennillo and his wife Sheri of Natick, MA, and Caitlin (Mennillo) Kaneshiro and her husband Jay of Lake Forest, CA; four great grandchildren; Jain and Sofia Kaneshiro and Olivia and Lucas Mennillo; several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral service will be Saturday (July 16, 2022) at 10 am at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Burial with military honors will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, (Section W), Bloomfield. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Friday (July 15, 2022) from 4 – 6:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ben's name may be made to Foodshare of Connecticut, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com.



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OBITUARIES

Ganci, Vincent L.



Vincent L. Ganci of Farmington CT left this earth on July 7, 2022, four days after celebrating his 93rd birthday. A devoted husband who loved his family very much and gave of himself to make the community he lived in better through his strong work ethic, passion as an educator and chief school administrator; and through community leadership roles and volunteer activities.



Vincent was the son of Antonino P. and Mary Ganci. He married his college sweetheart, Jean M. Stachurski and they proudly raised five children. Vincent is survived by his wife, Jean; his children Antoinette Turner, Mary-Beth Johnson, Steven Ganci, Michael Ganci and Cathie-Rose Michaud and their families.

Vince was an educator for almost 50 years in NY and CT. He served in the US Army and the Reserves. He was a proud member of Rotary International for 49 years, serving as President multiple times. A devout Catholic, Vince served as a Mass Commentator and CCD Principal. Donations in his memory may be made to: Tribury Rotary Foundation, F/B/O Vincent L. Ganci Educational Scholarship P.O. Box 956, Southbury, CT 06488 or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Research in memory of Vincent L. Ganci, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Office of Development P.O. Box 27106 New York, NY 10087. Calling hours will be at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon CT 06001 on Sunday, July 17th from 2-4:30 pm followed by a funeral service celebration of life. Vincent will be laid to rest with military honors, Monday, July 18th at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wappingers Falls NY, at 1:30pm beside his parents and brother. For directions, condolences, and a full obituary please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

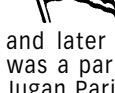


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Keegan, Ward A.



Ward A. Keegan, 89, of Enfield, beloved husband of Noella (Bernard) Keegan for 62 years, entered into eternal peace Sunday, July 10, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital. Born in the Keegan section of Van Buren, ME, Ward was raised in Fort Kent and joined the U.S. Navy following high school. He served his country honorably in the Korean War earning the rank of 2nd Class Chief Petty Officer. Always patriotic, he was active in the Tanguay Magill Post 80 American Legion and the VFW Post 15007.



After his service, Ward moved to Glastonbury and later Enfield where he resided for 54 years and was a parishioner at St. Bernard Church of St. Jeanne Jugan Parish. He retired from Pratt & Whitney after 35 plus years with the company. He was also a member of the Enfield Knights of Columbus.

Ward enjoyed golfing and travelling to Europe and South America with Noella following his retirement. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Joseph Keegan and his wife Deborah, and Timothy Keegan and his wife Christine, also daughter in law Laurie Keegan. He also leaves eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was predeceased by a son Ward A. Keegan Jr., a brother, James Keegan, and a sister Norma Curtis.

His family is forever grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff at St. Francis Hospital for the wonderful care and kindness they provided to Ward and family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022 at St. Bernard Church, 426 Hazard Ave., Enfield, with military honors. There are no calling hours and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ward's memory may be made to MDA, and to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave online condolences, please visit www.Leetestelevens.com

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Moore, Conchita E.



Conchita E. Moore, (nee Lowe Shue) known as "Chita" to her many friends and "Auntie Zeta" to her loving nieces and nephews passed away on June 30, 2022 at age 88. She was born on December 23, 1933 in Clarendon, Jamaica, to Linda (Bloomfield) Lawrence and James Lowe Shue. She migrated from Jamaica to Canada and then to the US, eventually settling down in Hartford, CT. She worked for the Hebrew Home & Hospital for 26 years, retiring in 1996.

Chita was a free spirited soul who lived life mostly on her own terms. She was blessed to make her own decisions and express her will right up to the end. She had a great sense of style and loved fashionable clothes. She loved to travel and loved that she was able to go to Egypt to see the pyramids. She had a grateful heart and gave prayers and expressions of thanksgiving right up to the evening before she passed away. She loved keeping up with the stock market and current events and was not afraid to express her opinions about what was happening in politics. Chita leaves behind her daughter, Joan Rex, sisters, Melba Lawrence, Miriam Lawrence and Geraldine Lawrence all of Montreal, Canada, Ruby Yee (FL), Ruby Edman (FL), her brother, Kenneth A. Lowe Sr. (FL), many nieces including Elaine Gordon and Marcia Lowe, many nephews and a large extended family. She was predeceased by her brothers, Ralph Lowe and Kenneth 'Honey' Lowe, sisters Lou Lowe Shue, Gloria Matthews and Nelza Frazier. She had many close and treasured friends including Yvonne Lewis, Hadley Vaughan, Annabelle Henry, and Shelley Jackson. Calling hours will be Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 1:00 pm followed by funeral service at 2:00 pm at Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT. Instead of flowers please make a donation to the CT Humane Society at <https://cthumane.org>. This was a cause she supported. To leave condolences or to attend remotely please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Kowalsky, Olga T.



Olga T. Kowalsky, 90, of East Granby, passed away peacefully just days after her 90th birthday at Hartford Hospital. Born in Hartford on July 3, 1932, daughter of the late Andrew Kowalsky, Sr. and Catherine (Korsnick) Kowalsky, she was raised in Bloomfield and was a graduate of St. Mary's Villa Academy in Slootsburg, NY. After graduation, Olga returned to Bloomfield and eventually took a position at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford.

She worked as a secretary for many years at Pratt & Whitney and took early retirement at the age of 59 in 1993. Olga loved art throughout her life and especially enjoyed painting in oils. She took many classes over the years to perfect her skills and was enrolled in a painting class as recently as February of this year. Most of all, Olga will be remembered for her devotion to her family. She was a wonderful, daughter, sister, aunt, and great-aunt. She took great pride in preparing a traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve Dinner for her family each year, a tradition that she insisted on maintaining and hosting herself into her 80's. While her nieces and nephews were growing up, she loved hosting sleepovers, holidays, and special occasions, and teaching them about Ukrainian culture and their rich family heritage. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and trying new recipes, relaxing at her home, and of course spending time with her family. She leaves a sister, Helen Petrunti of East Granby; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Andrew J. Kowalsky, Jr. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave., Colchester at a date and time to be announced. Burial will be in St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery, Glastonbury. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave., Colchester, CT 06415. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Topazian DDS, Richard



Richard G. Topazian, DDS, 92, of Bloomfield, died peacefully at Seabury on July 9, 2022. In addition to his beloved wife of 64 years, Pauline, he is survived by his four children, Miriam McKain of Clifton, VA, Jonathan Topazian (Maria) of Frederick, MD, Cindy Lange (Cliff) of Mattapoisett, MA, and David Topazian, of Chicago, and well as 8 grandchildren.

Jack, Paulina, Kristy, Kelly, Michael, Sophie, Audrey and Katie. He is predeceased by his brother David and survived by his sister Carolyn.

The son of Armenian immigrants, Richard was born in Greenwich, CT and grew up in Port Chester, NY. He graduated from Houghton College and McGill University School of Dentistry and trained in Oral Surgery. After marrying Pauline in 1958, they spent 4 years as Presbyterian missionaries at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. Richard spent the next 30 years training Oral Surgery residents at the Dental Schools of the University of Kentucky, the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Connecticut. He edited a textbook that is a standard in dental schools worldwide. Following retirement, Richard was most passionate about the short-term mission trips he and Pauline took to perform cleft lip and palate surgeries in numerous countries. In addition to the clinical work, he loved training medical professionals. His motivation was always to represent Christ in an expression of love to the poor and to those less served in the world. A Memorial Service to Celebrate Dick's Life will be held Friday, July 29, 2022, 11 AM at Valley Community Baptist Church, 590 West Avon Road, Avon. A reception will follow the service. Contributions may be made to Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons at www.paacs.net or to the Seabury Staff Appreciation Fund at Box #3108, 400 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Teodoro, Concetta



Concetta "Tina" Teodoro, 87, of Rocky Hill, beloved wife of the late Francesco "Frank" Teodoro, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday July 11, 2022. Tina was born in Solarino, province of Siracusa, Sicily on July 4, 1935 and was the daughter of the late Giuseppe Giliberto and Francesca (Lonerio)

Giliberto. Tina and Frank owned and operated Bob and Marie's Pizza Restaurant in Manchester for 28 years, and were happily married for 63 years. Tina's joy of cooking and celebrating with family and friends truly created a welcoming open house which was evident by all that were fortunate enough to know her. She was also active in the Italian American Stars Women's Club as well as the Italian Ladies Society. Tina is survived by her three children; Joseph Teodoro and his wife Lynn of West Hartford, Maryann Proulx and husband Michael of Newington, and Frank Teodoro Jr. and his wife Jessica of Rocky Hill. She also leaves behind her three adored grandchildren; Lucas, Abriana and Frankie. She is also survived by her five siblings; Joseph Giliberto and his wife Patricia of West Hartford, Lena Lonerio of Rocky Hill, Teresa Giliberto and her husband Carmelo of Rocky Hill, Paul Giliberto and his wife Helen of Newington, and Salvatore Giliberto of East Hartford. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Francesca Liistro of Melbourne Australia, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Tina was also predeceased by her brother-in-law Joe Lonerio of Rocky Hill, brother-in-law Sebastian Liistro of Melbourne Australia, sister-in-law Carmela and husband Giuseppe Valvo of Solarino, province of Siracusa, Sicily. Additionally, the family wishes to thank nurse Emily and health care provider Viola who provided the best of care for Tina during these last few months.

Friends and relatives are invited to calling hours on Friday, July 15th from 9:00am to 10:15am at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd. Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church) 601 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Donations in Concetta's name may be made to the Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, VA. 22116-702. For online expressions of sympathy to the family please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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McGrath, Mary Theresa (Nolen)



Mary Theresa Nolen McGrath of West Simsbury died on July 9, 2022. Mary was born in South Hadley, MA on September 12, 1929. She was the third of six children born to James and Katherine (Dillon) Nolen. Mary graduated from the Newton Country Day School of The Sacred Heart, Albertus Magnus College and received

a Masters degree in Pastoral Counseling at St. Joseph's College. Mary married John "Jack" J. McGrath in 1951. They met while Mary was a student at Albertus Magnus and Jack was attending Yale University. Mary and Jack had five children in quick succession. They moved to Simsbury, CT in 1960 where they raised their family. Mary continued to live there for the next sixty-two years. After raising her family, Mary began working at the Office for People with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Hartford. There, she facilitated access to religious and social opportunities for marginalized parishioners. Mary continued to work tirelessly for twenty five years to create innovative programs for the disabled and met many friends and colleagues who she remained close to over the years.

Mary's husband Jack passed away in 1982 leaving her a widow at the age of 52. After Jack's death, Mary exhibited her characteristic strength; continuing to live a life of purpose, intention, adventure and (non-stop) activity. She traveled to Asia, Africa, bicycled through Europe and remained an integral part of her children and grandchildren's lives. She rarely said "no" to anything, participating enthusiastically in every aspect of life, playing and competing in tennis, paddle tennis and golf well into her 80's and enjoying bridge and yoga into her 90's. In 2001, Mary married Corydon "Cory" Johnson, an old friend from Simsbury, who along with his four children and their families added another layer of love and support in her life. Mary loved living in Simsbury and leaves many dear friends, neighbors and community members, whose loyalty, kindness and camaraderie were a vital part of her life and sustained her strength and positive outlook. Mary's large extended family will miss her dearly but will always be grateful for the exemplary way she lived her life.

Mary leaves her children, Kathy, Bryan, John (Barbara) and Liz (Tim) Durkin, her sister Judy Crimmins, seven grandchildren, Michael, Mary Adair, and Frances McGrath, Ted, Clare, Ginny and Trevor Durkin, and three great grandchildren. She also leaves her Nolen and Crimmins nieces and nephews, and the Johnson family. Mary was predeceased by her husbands Jack McGrath and Cory Johnson, her son Michael Sean and her grandson John Durkin.

A service in Mary's honor will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury on Saturday, July 16th at 11am. The McGrath family would like to invite Mary's friends to a reception at Hopmeadow Country Club at 12:30pm. Donations in Mary's memory can be made to Horizons Inc., an organization that creates opportunities for people with developmental disabilities at Horizons, Inc., Attention: Chris McNaboe, PO Box 323, South Windham, CT 06266. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Mary's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Mills, Racine



Racine Mills, 54, of Hartford, CT departed this life on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Racine was born in Hartford, Connecticut on August 19, 1967 to Daniel Mills, Jr. and Jane (Walker) Mills.

A celebration of Racine's life will take place on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 11:30am with a visitation from 10:00am to 11:30am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery, 2035 Main St, Hartford, CT 06120. To leave a message of comfort for the Mills family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Tucker, Geraldine



MIDDLETOWN, CT - Geraldine "Gerrie" (Bailey) Tucker age 93 of Middletown, CT, beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Sister passed away on July 8, 2022. She was born on August 5, 1928 to Franklyn and Geraldine (Reynolds) Bailey of Adrian, MI.

She graduated from Adrian High School in 1946, attended Adrian College and graduated from Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT in 1980. She was a volunteer with the Probation Department in the Superior Court in Manchester, Ct and was a literacy volunteer in the community. She was employed by J.C. Penny and the Aetna Insurance Co. in Hartford, CT. In 1989 she and her husband returned to Adrian until 2014 when she moved back to CT to be with her son and daughters. She married Floyd J. Tucker of Adrian on July 3, 1954 and had 66 wonderful years of marriage. She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia (Mark) Higgins of Ponte Verde, FL, Jeraldine J. Tucker of Middletown, CT, Jacqueline J. DiMatteo of Rocky Hill, CT, and daughter-in-law Maureen (Tom) Gorman-Tucker of Madison, CT. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Heather (James) Gudger of Lake Sherwood, CA, Tucker Higgins of Denver, CO, Thomas DiMatteo and Maxwell DiMatteo both of Rocky Hill, CT, and her sister Pamela D. Bailey of Adrian, MI, along with a great many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and son, Thomas C. Tucker, her parents and sisters, Eileen Bailey and Lois Dryer, her brothers Franklyn (Bus) Bailey, Edwin Bailey, Philip (Tom) Bailey, Jack Bailey, and Jim Bailey. A Funeral Mass for Geraldine will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Parish, St. Mary's Campus, 305 Division Street, Adrian, MI with Father Michael Newman, OSFS as Celebrant. Burial will immediately follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation for Geraldine will take place on Saturday at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until the time of Mass. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed via Holy Family Parish Adrian's Facebook page, where it can later be viewed as a recording. Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian has been entrusted with arrangements, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations in Gerrie's name be made online to the Tom Tucker Memorial Fund at www.HFPG.org or sent directly to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Blvd., 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06016.

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Cournoyer, Barbara B.



Barbara B. Cournoyer, 79, of Somers, CT, wife of the late Robert E. Cournoyer, passed away on July 9, 2022. She was born in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Frederick and Margaret (McClafferty) Brink. Barbara's hobbies included gardening, reading, and going antiquing. Above all, she enjoyed time with her family and their annual vacations to Cape Cod. Barbara is survived by her three children, Anthony Cournoyer and his wife Robin of Holland, MA, Jeffrey Cournoyer and his wife Shannon of Somers, CT, and Anne Cournoyer and her husband Michael Accorsi of Somers, CT; nine grandchildren, Jonathan and his partner Shahar, Alex and his wife Rachel, Nathan, Kate, Megan, Madeline, Natalia, Harrison, and William; great grandson, Roland; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Frederick Brink. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. at All Saint's Church, 25 School St., Somers, CT. Burial will follow in Somers Center Cemetery, Somers, CT. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Hughes, James B.



James B. "Jim" Hughes, 67, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Hospital for Special Care, Hartford, with his wife, Diane (Slaughter) Hughes by his side. Jim and Diane had celebrated 30 years of marriage on June 27, 2022. Jim was born on March 3, 1955, in Fairfield, IA, son to the late Milford "Knute" and Mary Catherine "Mike" (O'Toole) Hughes. The family moved to Simsbury in 1968. Jim enlisted in the CT Army National Guard in 1981. After completing Officer Candidate School and the Officer Basic Course, he became the Property Book Officer of the 1st Bn, 102d Infantry, New Haven. In 1990 Jim entered on an AGR tour holding various Logistics and Supply positions in the 43d Bde, 26th Yankee Division and the State Headquarters, CTARNG attaining the rank of Major then becoming a Warrant Officer. He retired in 2009 having served honorably for 28 years. Jim had a passion for baseball - growing up playing or watching the St. Louis Cardinals. Jim also played in the Town of Newington Men's Baseball League. He was very active in Newington Little League where he coached for many years and was past president of the league for 5 years. He also enjoyed watching the Boston Celtics, Chicago Bears and the University of Iowa football and basketball teams. Jim was interested in the Civil War and was a member of the Civil War Museum located in the Rockville Town Hall. He was a proud member of the 1st Bn, 102d Infantry Association and the New Haven Grays. In addition to his wife, Diane, Jim is survived by his two sons who he was extremely proud of - Kevin J. Hughes who enlisted in the U.S. Army and is leaving for basic training on July 24, 2022, and Thomas R. "Tommy" Hughes who attends Southern CT State University and is a pitcher on their baseball team. They will miss their dad immensely but know he will be watching over them. A time of visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A graveside service with military honors will be celebrated on Saturday, July 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, 2085 Poquonock Ave., (Rte 75), Windsor. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a Veterans organization of your choice. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Papanos, Charles



April 29, 1953 - July 29, 2020 Charles "Chuck" Papanos, 67, of Naperville, Illinois, died in 2020 after a fierce battle with cancer. Chuck served the Naperville Park District for just over 19 years, retiring as North Parks and Riverwalk Operations Manager. He found his vocation as a teenager growing up in Connecticut, working at a local nursery and landscape company. He earned a BS in ornamental horticulture from UConn, managed a landscape nursery, owned a small Christmas tree farm, and came to the park district in 2001. Chuck inspired all who knew him with his quiet confidence and intense dedication. He loved nature, photography and family—including his Building 219 team. And we loved seeing him smile. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Mary, and his brother William (the late Pamela). He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; his brothers Robert (the late Victoria) of Houston, Texas, Richard (Diane) of Vernon, Connecticut, and Thomas (Cherlya) of Thailand; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial donations in Chuck's memory can be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation at www.lymphoma.org/walkonchuck. A graveside service will be held at the Storrs Cemetery, 82 North Eagleville Road (on the UConn campus), Mansfield, Connecticut at 12pm on Saturday, July 16, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lakeview Restaurant, 50 Lake Street, Coventry, Connecticut from 1pm - 3pm following the service.

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Shermer, Jr., K. Walter

K. Walter Shermer, Jr. 86, of Enfield entered eternal rest on Tuesday July 12, 2022. He was the beloved husband of 47 years to the late Winifred A. Spring Shermer (2018). Born on Jan. 20, 1936 in Hartford, CT to the late K. Walter, Sr. and Bertha (Skau) Shermer. Walt was educated within the Hartford Public Schools and continued his education at Hartford State Tech. School where he received an Associates Degree. He had resided in Enfield for over 50 years and in Hartford before that. Prior to retirement Walt was employed as a Senior Customer Service Engineer with IBM for 38 years, with a second career of delivering pharmacy prescriptions and videotaping for the Town of Enfield and its many community events alongside Cox Communications. March 13, 2009 was declared Walt Shermer Day in the town of Enfield. When not working he enjoyed feeding birds and was a NASCAR fan. Walt is survived by a sister, Barbara Rosborg of E. Windsor, a brother Thomas Shermer of Hartford, sons Walter, III of Berlin, David of Enfield, Paul of Chicopee, MA, Michael and wife Kelly of Enfield and daughter Kristen of Enfield. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by a brother William (1995). Relatives and friends may gather with his family during calling hours on Friday, July 15, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield. A Service at the funeral home will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 1:30 pm with Rev. Christine Boylan officiating. Burial will follow in the Hazardville Cemetery, Enfield. To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

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Dearest Michael, we remember you today and every day since your passing 18 years ago. The vastness of the hole left behind in our hearts is beyond words and measure. Our lives were forever changed through the loss of you. You now live on in our hearts and in all the precious memories we have of our times spent with you. We remember your love and laughter, your commitment and loyalty to your friends and family, all of your jokes and funny antics, your smile and those beautiful blue eyes... All of you and all of your memories continue to give us such joy. You will always be one of our families most precious gifts. We find comfort knowing that you have found peace in paradise and that we will dance together again one day. May God bless you and keep you always. You are always on our minds and remain in our hearts forever. With love always and forever, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Joe, Jack, Cooper and all your friends.

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SOUTH WINDSOR

More Evergreen Walk units OK'd

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

South Windsor planners have approved a proposal to build 165 more apartments at Evergreen Walk after the developer slightly increased the number of units to be set aside for affordable housing. Town officials and business owners at the shopping hub have

argued that the new development is essential for nearby retailers and useful for generating more tax revenue. But those topics didn't come up Tuesday night in the commission's discussions, which instead focused on strategies for raising the percentage of affordable housing in new residential projects. Only 6.8% of South Windsor's

housing qualifies as "affordable" by the state's definition; towns are under pressure to maintain at least a 10% level. After initially proposing that 10% of its new housing would qualify, Evergreen Walk LLC recently told the commission that it would increase that to 12.5% by pricing four additional apartments at that level.

In exchange, it sought to build more of the project as two-bedroom apartments — instead of one-bedroom units — to generate more income. It also sought permission to use vinyl siding, a building material not allowed in that zone. Commission Chairman Bart Pacekonis balked, saying the town was giving the developers too

much in exchange for too little. "They're worried about it being financially feasible — there are other options they can explore to make it financially feasible," he said. "Our job is to put in some good affordable-housing numbers that are going to get us to our goal that's been mandated by the state."

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Family and friends are invited to a remembrance for Orange teen Chance Thompson, who died Saturday. Thompson, an organ donor, gave the "gift of life" to four people. **COURTESY**

The 'gift of life'

Remembrance planned for Orange teen whose organ donation helped 4 people

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

A teen from Orange who died Saturday from injuries sustained from being hit by a car June 23, gave the "gift of life" to four people through organ donation, her mother, Misty Dawn Thompson said this week in a message to the Courant.

Meanwhile, Thompson has invited family and friends to remember her daughter, Chance Dian Thompson from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St. in Milford. Thompson has said the organ donations are fitting because Chance, 19, was "the most kind, caring, loving and passionate

young lady you will ever find." In lieu of flowers, Thompson has asked for memorial contributions to be made to the Orange Historical Society, a cause dear to her daughter's heart. Chance, a history buff, was a docent with the organization and one of its youngest board members ever. A tribute through the funeral home states: "Chance cared more

about others than herself. If she wasn't helping someone with homework, offering her shoulder to cry on, encouraging others to preserve no matter what the odds were or just helping a complete stranger." The tribute states that Chance was an honors graduate of The

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Officials criticize health insurer rate hikes

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A group of Connecticut officials on Wednesday assailed proposed double-digit increases in health insurance rates at a time of red-hot inflation and the enduring pandemic, demanding that the Insurance Department schedule a formal hearing to question industry executives and present independent analysis. "We want to test face-to-face what they're saying," Attorney General William Tong said at a Hartford news conference. "We want to put on actuarial, mathematical evidence that supports our position that these increases are extreme and unnecessary right now and too burdensome and unreasonable and give an opportunity for insurers and their actuaries and their experts to do the same." Insurance Commissioner Andrew Mais said in an emailed statement the agency will stick to its practice of scheduling a rate hearing that takes testimony from consumers, consumer advocates, elected officials and other interested parties. Final 2023 rates will be announced following the hearing and an actuarial review, he said. A date for early August will be announced this week. "The department is fully committed to consumer protection and transparency, which is why our hearings are all open to

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Report: Fewer Connecticut children are in child care

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

Child care providers across the state are still operating well below capacity more than two years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic — a threat to the sector's overall viability and a vexing source of uncertainty for parents trying to return to work and employers looking for help. A new report from the Connecticut Association for Human Services estimates that public and private child care centers in Connecticut are serving 24,000 fewer children than they were



A new report estimates that child care centers in Connecticut are serving fewer children than before the pandemic. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP** before the pandemic. Across the wider group of home-based and center-based programs CAHS surveyed for the report, which serve a range of children from infant to school-aged, enrollment was at about 75% of capacity as of April of this year. Liz Fraser, policy director for CAHS and author of the report, attributed the decline to staffing shortages. "We're serving fewer kids, and it's not because fewer families need care — it's that they can't find the staff to fill the positions," she said. Earnings for child care teachers are low, and as wages rise in other sectors, many are choosing to leave the profession. Without those teachers, child care providers can't add students because they have to

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Records: Official OK'd deals, payments for family business

By Andrew Brown
CT Mirror

Robert Bruneau, a city councilman and fire commissioner in West Haven, used his elected position as a leader of the West Shore Fire District to authorize contracts and payments for a company owned by his wife and son. Financial records obtained by the Connecticut Mirror show that Bruneau personally signed off on two business deals and dozens of invoices that his son submitted to the fire district, which provides fire protection to a quarter of West Haven's roughly 55,000 residents. The documents reveal that Bruneau — along with his two fellow fire commissioners —

approved more than \$81,000 in payments to Bruneau's Garage, which he and his family have owned and operated for more than a decade. That money was reportedly paid to the garage in return for the company repairing and maintaining the fire district's plow truck, its rescue boat, its blue and white fire engines and the backup generators at its two fire houses. The invoices show Bruneau's son billed the fire district a flat fee of \$1,500 per month to cover labor costs and tens of thousands of dollars more to supply belts, batteries, hydraulic hoses, brake pads, air filters, oil filters, water pumps and door latches for the firetrucks.

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Seymour man sentenced to more than 5 years for fed drug, gun charges

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Seymour man was sentenced to 5½ years on federal narcotics distribution and firearm possession charges on Tuesday, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office in Connecticut.

Louie McDowell, 49, of Seymour was sentenced to 66 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release. McDowell was arrested in November 2018 alongside other involved parties after an investigation by the FBI’s Bridgeport Safe Streets Task Force and Bridgeport Police Department into the group for narcotics distribution in the Bridgeport area in the summer of 2017, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office.

The investigation included the use of court-authorized wiretaps,

controlled purchases of narcotics, physical and video surveillance, and the execution of multiple search and seizure warrants. The investigation revealed that McDowell, Christian Rodriguez, Antonio Small, Evan Sheffield, Anthony Small and others were distributing large quantities of heroin, fentanyl and crack cocaine in the Bridgeport area, according to court documents and testimonies.

McDowell’s home in Seymour was searched and police found quantities of cocaine, heroin and supplies to package them, firearms, ammunition, jewelry and approximately \$129,000 in cash. A search of a safety deposit box McDowell used revealed around \$217,000 in cash, the U.S. Attorney’s office said.

On July 14, 2021, McDowell pleaded guilty to one count of

conspiracy to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances, and one count of possession of a firearm during and relation to a drug trafficking crime.

McDowell was sentenced by Judge Alvin Thompson in Hartford. Thompson ordered the forfeiture of the seized firearms, jewelry and cash.

He has been in custody since his arrest.

Other alleged involved parties have been sentenced in this case, including Rodriguez and Sheffield. On Oct. 27, 2020, Sheffield was sentenced to 97 months in prison, and on Feb. 11, 2022, Rodriguez was sentenced to 60 months. Antonio Small and Anthony Small, also implicated in this case, have pleaded guilty but have not yet been sentenced.

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meet mandated child-to-teacher ratios. Fraser said that’s what has led to the empty classrooms and reduced slots child care providers reported in CAHS’s survey.

“People are on waiting lists, but they can’t fill the positions,” she said.

The survey, conducted in April among more than 200 Connecticut-based providers, provides a snapshot of an industry that’s critical to economic recovery from the pandemic. The report is slated to be published this week.

Connecticut still hasn’t recovered all of the jobs lost at the height of the pandemic recession. And economists have attributed weaker labor market participation nationally, particularly among women, in part to a lack of available child care.

More money is coming

During the 2022 state legislative session, the General Assembly approved more than \$100 million in funding for the child care sector. That will include up to \$30 million for some preschool programs, \$15 million to support construction and renovations to child care facilities, \$25 million toward expanding infant-toddler programs and \$6 million toward workforce development programs to boost staffing in the industry.

Those programs are in the beginning stages, following the start of the fiscal year July 1. The Office of Early Childhood has until August 1 to plan the distribution of additional funds

aimed at raising teacher compensation.

The state funding comes as OEC is wrapping up distribution of some \$120 million in federal money, which went toward “stabilizing” the sector via grants to roughly 2,000 child care centers and 2,000 in-home providers across the state. That allowed those providers to keep their doors open, despite waves of the virus and corresponding declines in enrollment and staffing. Another portion of the federal relief dollars is slated to fund staffing networks that will provide backup for in-home child care providers.

The federal funding provided a level of support the industry hadn’t seen in years, Early Childhood Commissioner Beth Bye said.

“We’ve definitely lost some capacity, but it’s interesting — with the stabilization money, they lost less capacity in the past two years than we did in the two years prior,” she said.

Bye said it often surprises people to hear that. “But child care has been so fragile for so long. To get \$120 million injected into an industry can help stabilize things more than I think people expected it to,” she said.

Federal American Rescue Plan money has stabilized child care providers throughout the country. Even so, 80% of child care centers nationally remain understaffed, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

In Connecticut, state funding will now take over that stabilizing

role.

But Fraser said it concerns her that the millions of dollars lawmakers approved might serve only to maintain the status quo, rather than fixing what’s broken.

“We need to figure out in Connecticut what we can do to not only just stabilize the field for a year at a time but to really make a difference and do it boldly,” she said.

As child care businesses wait on the state grants and teacher raises to kick in, the threat of staff departures looms large.

Merrill Gay, executive director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, who provided assistance on the CAHS report, said one thing that jumped out at him in the survey responses were the “morale and mental health issues” that respondents raised.

“Here you are being told you’re an essential worker, knowing that you’re going to work with people who aren’t vaccinated, who can’t wear masks very well ... So you have that concern every day,” Gay said. “Then, you know, some of your coworkers start leaving for other jobs ... If you’re a teacher, and your assistant teacher leaves for a job that pays more than you’re getting, that’s a real demoralizing kind of thing.”

For program directors, those challenges are layered on top of other responsibilities, Gay said: balancing the books when the business is running out of money; finding people to cover when staff call in sick; and recruiting new staff amid ongoing uncertainty.

“That takes its toll,” he said.

Man arrested after allegedly threatening hospital staff

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A Windsor man was arrested on threatening charges after allegedly telling his counselor he intended to obtain a pistol permit and a gun to kill staff at Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford, according to South Windsor police.

Connor Zawasky, 24, of Windsor, turned himself into police on Tuesday and was charged with second-degree threatening, police said.

Zawasky reported this to his counselor on June 8, according to police.

Officers served him with a risk protection order, which bars him from buying, receiving or possessing a firearm, ammunition or a deadly weapon until he appears at a hearing in Hartford Superior Court.

He was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond. He is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court for the threatening charges on July 27.

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the public and broadcast over the public affairs CT-N Network,” Mais said.

That’s not good enough for Tong and fellow Democrats looking to interrogate insurance executives and force them to defend the rate increases.

Healthcare Advocate Ted Doolittle said ratepayers are not part of negotiations over insurance pricing and a vigorous public hearing is the first step to ask “unfiltered questions and get on-the-record-responses” from insurance carriers.

Insurance companies that sell policies on and off Connecticut’s Affordable Care Act exchange are seeking an average increase of 20.4% for individual health plans next year, according to details released Friday by the Connecticut Insurance Department.

Carriers on small group plans are asking for an average increase of 14.8%.

Kimberly Kann, a spokeswoman for ConnectiCare, cited medical and pharmaceutical costs and the continued impacts of COVID-19 on members’ use of services, including obtaining delayed care. She also cited the expiration this year of tax credits provided in the American Rescue Plan Act.

“We remain extremely mindful of the impact that rate increases have on our members and strive to keep our plans as fairly priced as possible within the reality of today’s health care environment,” Kann said.

Lynne Ide, director of program and policy for the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, an advocacy group,

called on the Insurance Department to abandon its practice of scheduling public hearings at its Hartford offices during the day. The agency should instead make it possible for “real, every day people” to attend a night meeting at a community college or other accessible site “and talk about what this really means to them.”

Senate Republicans have demanded a public hearing at the Capitol. They said the proposed rate increases are “outrageous, unacceptable, but sadly not surprising.”

“We are pleased that Democrats, too, say they want a hearing on this issue, but we need much more than the typical rate increase hearings of the past where a select few gather behind closed doors in a small office before executive branch staff,” said Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford, House Republican Leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford and Senate Republican Leader Pro Tem Paul Formica of East Lyme.

Republicans criticized legislative Democrats for failing to anticipate the termination of federal relief money, expanding government-run Medicaid that they say has driven up health care costs and inflation they blame on the pandemic and spending by President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress.

Sen. Matt Lesser, co-chairman of the legislature’s Insurance Committee, said Republican criticism of Democratic health care initiatives in the General Assembly included a “certain amount of chutzpah,” accusing GOP lawmakers of blocking legislation.

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The records highlight how Bruneau — who was also recently singled out in a state audit that examined questionable spending by the West Haven city government — signed off on more than half of the 46 invoices that were submitted to the fire district over the past two years. That placed him in a position where he was verifying the parts and services that his family’s business was billing the fire district for.

As the chairman of the board of fire commissioners, Bruneau has significant influence over West Shore’s \$11 million annual budget, and he helps to decide what contractors do business with the fire district, which operates independently of the city government in West Haven.

Stephen Scafariello, the chief of the West Shore Fire District, said Bruneau’s Garage was chosen in July 2020 to maintain the department’s fire engines and other equipment following a public bidding process. He said the company was awarded the contract because no other business responded to an advertisement that was placed in the West Haven Voice, a hyper-local newspaper that is published every other week.

Still, ethics experts said Bruneau’s involvement in the contracts and the payments to his family’s company represents a direct conflict of interest, no matter how the procurement process worked or how many companies submitted bids.

“If you are signing invoices for matters involving your company or your immediate family’s company, that’s a clear conflict,” said Peter Lewandowski, who serves as the executive director of Connecticut’s Office of State Ethics.

Lewandowski and the other staff at the state ethics office do not play any role in enforcing ethics laws within municipalities or any other local governments in Connecticut.

cut. But he said Bruneau’s actions would almost certainly run afoul of any ethics policies that are in place for the fire district.

State, local and federal codes of ethics, Lewandowski said, all prohibit individuals from using their government offices to take official actions that benefit themselves or their family members. So, too, do many corporate codes of conduct.

“That’s really ethics 101,” Lewandowski said.

Scafariello, the fire chief, confirmed via email that the West Shore Fire District has an ethics code in place, but he and an attorney for the fire district did not immediately provide that policy to the CT Mirror.

‘Business as normal’

Bruneau, who was first elected as a fire commissioner in 2017 and has served as a West Haven city councilman since 2020, said he never saw that ethics code prior to the CT Mirror contacting the fire district this month, and he said he didn’t know it was inappropriate for him to sign off on checks to his family’s business.

“I didn’t see anything wrong with it at the time, and now that it has come to our attention, about an ethics situation, we would certainly look to do things a little bit differently moving forward,” he said.

Bruneau said he and his family have worked on the fire engines for the West Shore Fire District for years — long before he was commissioner, back to when he was serving as a superintendent with the department.

His family’s companies, he added, have also done work for West Haven’s two other fire districts and the city’s police department.

“It’s just something we have done right along,” he said, “and my family has done it for decades, to be totally honest with you. So when this came about and nobody bid on it, I really just didn’t recognize that it would be a problem. For us, it was just business as normal.”

Bruneau said none of the actions

he took were meant to be “underhanded,” and he said he is “devastated” and “heartbroken” that anyone would question his motives or his family’s integrity.

“There was nothing — no intent here — to get worked steered toward any family member whatsoever,” he said. “I do a lot for the police department. I do a lot for the fire department. It was never about money. That’s the furthest thing to worry about for us because we do more for nothing than we bill them for.”

“It was just an oversight. There was nothing undermined by it,” he added. “The only thing I’ve ever done is worry about the West Shore Fire Department and keeping the residents of the West Shore safe.”

Other elected leaders who represent West Haven residents said Bruneau’s decision to sign off on payments to his family’s business cast the fire district in a bad light and could further damage the public’s trust, which has already been tested in West Haven as the result of an ongoing federal criminal investigation.

“While I understand that the contract went through the proper bid process, as an elected official, you should not be involved in any discussions or voting on contracts that are beneficial to you or your family,” state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, said. “Commissioners need to recuse themselves from these actions in order to eliminate any question regarding the appropriateness of the process.”

State Rep. Charles Ferraro, R-West Haven, voiced a similar opinion. And he argued that Bruneau needed to decide what is more important to him: his family’s businesses or his elected offices.

“If you are going to be in that position, you need to know when to recuse yourself,” said Ferraro, who represents most of the people who pay property taxes to the West Shore Fire District. “I don’t think the public likes hearing that folks who are in positions to make contract decisions are awarding those contracts to family members.

I don’t think people want to hear that.”

“You know, my opinion is you gotta make your mind up to either be a businessman or a politician,” Ferraro added. “It’s either one or the other, but you can’t be both.”

‘Accusations and scorn’

This isn’t the first time that a business owned by Bruneau and his family has captured the public’s attention in West Haven.

Bruneau, a two-term city councilman, also found himself in the spotlight in recent months after public records revealed that city officials in West Haven used federal pandemic relief funding to pay Chip’s Wrecker Service — another one of his family’s companies — more than \$19,000.

That money, according to the city’s records, was meant to compensate the company for delivering food during the pandemic, for renting equipment to the city and for cleaning up after COVID-related events.

But earlier this year, a forensic audit commissioned by the state Office of Policy and Management determined that the money Bruneau’s company received was an ineligible use of the federal pandemic relief funds.

The auditors argued that the invoices and other financial documents used to back up those expenditures didn’t provide adequate detail about what type of work Bruneau’s company performed in exchange for the money.

Even more, the audit suggested the state should take a closer look at other business dealings that Bruneau had with the West Haven government, which he has helped to lead over the past two years.

The auditors made that recommendation after the city’s financial records revealed that three companies controlled by Bruneau had been paid at least \$170,000 out of the city’s bank accounts in the past. Those payments, the auditors explained, should be reviewed in order to determine if they were a “valid” use of taxpayer money.

In response to the audit,

Bruneau hired an attorney to defend his businesses and his reputation, and during a heated city council meeting in April, he had a letter from his attorney read aloud to West Haven voters.

In the letter — which was addressed to the auditing firm hired by the state — the attorney said all of the business transactions between the city and Bruneau’s companies were above board. And he argued that Bruneau’s business history was “unimpeachable,” and his character “unblemished.”

“While you have not accused Mr. Bruneau of any criminal or ethical wrongdoing, the innuendo is dangerous and unfair,” the letter read. “It has led to my client having received accusations and scorn from articles in the newspaper and on social media.”

Nothing has been done since that time to further explore Bruneau’s business relationships with the city government in West Haven, though OPM and the state’s Municipal Accountability Review Board are in the process of ramping up their oversight of the city’s finances.

A spokesman for the state agency said any decisions regarding further investigations into the city’s spending and finances would need to be approved by the full MARB board.

“All matters that bear on the governance and fiscal management of the city will be examined in due course and will be governed by applicable law,” said Chris Collibee, OPM’s spokesperson.

Ferraro, the Republican lawmaker from West Haven, said he believes further inquiries are warranted, considering the public distrust that continues to plague the city.

“The light of day needs to be shined on everything in the city of West Haven,” Ferraro said. “I think everything should be on the table.”

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CORPORATE ADVANTAGE

Why ‘social capital’ plays a role as leaders woo companies

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont last week called on businesses in states that limit abortion access to consider relocating to Connecticut.

By Tuesday, after the holiday weekend, Connecticut’s business development organization, AdvanceCT, was already fielding new interest.

“We have received at least one inbound inquiry from a company in Ohio, owned by a woman, who said, ‘We’re outta here,’” said Peter Denious, chief executive of Advance CT. ““The governor’s message was awesome, and we want to learn more about Connecticut because we’re seriously considering moving.”

Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, including last month’s ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson* that eliminated the constitutional right to abortion, have curtailed federal authority on issues from women’s health to environmental protection and vaccine requirements. State policies on those and other issues could soon vary widely around the country, turning what Denious calls “social capital issues” into bargaining chips for each state in their attempts to woo businesses and create economic opportunities for their residents.

When AdvanceCT talks to businesses about expansion or relocation, Denious said, his team focuses on industry sectors with a strong presence here, such as insurance, finance, technology and advanced

manufacturing. In its pitches to those companies, the organization often highlights things like Connecticut’s highly educated and productive workforce.

But increasingly, those conversations are getting into topics like diversity, equity and inclusion, and the state’s commitment to clean energy — issues Connecticut has prioritized that may align with the corporate goals of certain companies, Denious said.

“This most recent decision by the Supreme Court just gives us yet another criteria to add into that list of social capital issues that allow us to be targeted,” he said.

Jayme Stevenson, former first selectman in Darien and Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Connecticut’s 4th district, expressed skepticism about the approach.

“Social policies and social justice issues have been so divisive for America in general over the last several years,” Stevenson said. “I really wish the governor would be proud of, and be able to brag about, all of the other incredible benefits that the state of Connecticut can provide.”

Stevenson listed the state’s proximity to New York and Boston, its many towns and cities, the waterfront, higher education and health care.

“The one thing we cannot brag about is a tax system and regulatory system that supports business growth,” Stevenson said.

Connecticut is often knocked for having high energy costs and higher



A recent Supreme Court decision gives businesses another reason to relocate to Connecticut, says Peter Denious of AdvanceCT. **FILE**

labor costs relative to other states, as well as a stricter regulatory environment for many companies. And the state’s relatively high income taxes and a higher cost of living are cited as reasons some former residents have chosen to live elsewhere.

“I would like to see the governor and his leadership team really focus on those things, because those are foundational to decisions about where businesses want to locate,” Stevenson said.

Site selection consultants, who assist companies in deciding where to locate major operations and corporate offices, said a company’s perspectives on environmental, social and governance factors do play a role in where they choose

to do business.

“These social considerations are operationally and financially important for many reasons, including the impact on employee attraction and retention,” Gregg Wassmansdorf, chair of the Site Selectors Guild, said in an emailed statement.

But the extent to which companies consider these factors varies, he added.

“The importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion factors — including state policies on reproductive rights — differs greatly between site selection clients based on company size, industry sector, public or private ownership, brand sensitivity, the company’s national

place of origin, and management philosophies.”

To the team at AdvanceCT, “social capital issues” often go hand in hand with a company’s ability to be productive. Reproductive health care, child care, education and other support services facilitate people’s ability to work and earn a living. The quality of life — which may include ease of transportation, clean air and water, public safety — may determine whether people stay or leave.

“[CEOs] have got to be sure they are aligning themselves in regions and states where their people are happy,” Denious said. “It’s about, ‘Where am I going to find the people?’ Because people is No. 1, every time in every survey, anyone you talk to, it’s all about people. Costs is No. 2.”

When many jobs went remote during the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of working people relocated to communities that were more affordable, easier to get around or more family friendly. At the same time, workers at prominent companies (Disney and Spotify, for example) have begun putting more pressure on their employers to take a public stance on many social issues.

Those combined trends could bode well for Connecticut, Denious said.

“The ripple effect of that is big,” he said.

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New Haven man agrees to plead guilty to cyberstalking charges

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A New Haven man has agreed to plead guilty to charges of threatening, harassing and intimidating a Massachusetts woman through social media and email, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office in the District of Massachusetts.

Marshall Nicholas Fain, 31, of New Haven was arrested and charged with cyberstalking and transmitting threats through interstate commerce on Feb. 2.

He has now agreed to plead guilty to these charges, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office. A plea hearing has not yet been scheduled.

“The language used by this individual made his intent clear. Threats of violence, whether spoken, written, or transmitted over the internet, will not be tolerated. Domestic violence takes many forms. Verbal abuse and threats are one of them and can be precursors to escalated behaviors — like the stalking involved in this case — and, in some cases,

physical abuse. Mr. Fain’s violent words landed him in this situation, and we will continue to prosecute threats of violence of any form,” U.S. Attorney Rachael S. Rollins said.

Fain was reportedly in a relationship with the victim for around two years before the relationship ended in August 2021, according to the charging documents. Soon after, September 2021 and continuing through December 2021, Fain allegedly began sending the victim private messages over

email and social media threatening to kill her and members of her family, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office.

He allegedly created multiple anonymous social media and email accounts to send her messages like, “I’m gonna find you and kill you if it’s the last thing I do” and “When the time is right you gonna be one of the girls going missing. Ima torture the [expletive] out of you when I catch you,” according to the charging documents.

The stalking charge carries

a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office. The threatening charge carries a sentence of up to two years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. According to the U.S. Attorney’s office, sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. sentencing guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.



Hartford HealthCare has launched The Center for Gender Health, a clinic for gender-diverse people. **FILE**

Hartford HealthCare launches center for transgender adults

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Hartford HealthCare announced on Tuesday it has launched its Center for Gender Health, a health practice geared toward creating a supportive environment for transgender adults.

The practice is staffed by “experts in endocrinology, urology, gynecology, plastic surgery, primary care and behavioral health,” the website states.

The center, under the direction of psychologists Laura Saunders and Derek Fenwick, offers chest and facial reconstruction, hormone therapy, voice therapy/surgery, individual and group psychological counseling and other services vital to gender transition and care.

“The Center for Gender Health recognizes that each patient’s journey is unique and is determined to provide the best emotional support and medical care one needs as they seek gender affirmation,” the news release states.

The address at 132 Jefferson St., inside the Community Health Center. Appointments can be scheduled as early as September. The center’s team members also offer some services in Farmington, Glastonbury, Torrington and Mansfield.

The announcement of the center’s opening comes a month after members of the center’s medical team and members of the transgender community conducted an inaugural conference, “Building Gender Literacy: Gender Affirmative Care Across the Lifespan,” to teach other Hartford-area doctors practices to help transgender patients.

A handful of gender care clinics operate in Connecticut, including at the state’s major hospitals and at Anchor Health.

The center’s website is hartfordhealthcare.org/services/gender-health.

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Testing for monkeypox now available

Staff Report

Testing for monkeypox is now available at Quest Diagnostics labs across Connecticut, the laboratory chain announced Wednesday.

Quest, which has nearly 100 locations in Connecticut, is among five commercial laboratory companies administering monkeypox tests distributed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The tests must be ordered by a health care provider, Quest said in a release.

“Anyone with a rash should talk to their health care provider about whether they need to get tested, even if they don’t think they had contact with someone who has monkeypox. ... People seeking testing for monkeypox must consult with their health-care provider first; they cannot separately go to a Quest lab, submit a specimen, and request testing,” the release said.

The lab will report test results to public-health authorities to help track the outbreak.

The state Department of Public Health on Tuesday confirmed the first case of monkeypox in Connecticut on July 5, a man between the ages of 40 and 49 who lives in New Haven County.

The risk to Connecticut residents is considered low, Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani said at the announcement of the state’s first case. But because the United States is in the midst of an outbreak “there will likely be additional cases in Connecticut in the weeks ahead.”

Public health officials recommend people be aware of the symptoms of the disease and how it is transmitted.

“Monkeypox can spread through close prolonged contact with an infected person,” Juthani said. “This might include coming into contact with skin lesions or body fluids, sharing clothes or other materials that have been used by an infected person, or inhaling respiratory droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact.”

Symptoms may include fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, swollen glands and a new rash but can also be minimal.

The CDC has also distributed vaccines to providers across the U.S. to combat the viral disease, so named because it was first identified in laboratory monkeys in the 1950s. The vaccines are being administered by health care providers to those who are exposed or are considered high risk for contracting the disease.

Closely related to the smallpox virus, monkeypox has spread predominantly among gay and bisexual men.

“One thought is that it can be sexually transmitted, but I strongly doubt that,” Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital, has said.

“My thinking is it is transmitted during sexual activity simply because of the close proximity to someone who is infected.”

Information on monkeypox from the CDC is available at cdc.gov/monkeypox.

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Sound School in New Haven and at the time of her death had just completed her freshman year at Eastern Connecticut State University, where she was majoring in history and minoring in anthropology.

“Chance had many passions in life from reading, volunteering at the Orange Historical Society, watching anime with her best

friend Emma, planning her future or just hanging out with her many friends to name a few,” the tribute states.

Chance loved reading so much that she would always walk out with more than one book after visiting a book store and loved history, especially European history, and planned to visit Italy and other parts of Europe in the coming year.

Chance was hit by a white 2012 Volkswagen Jetta while walking home from a doctor’s appointment

on Old Tavern Road near the intersection of Racebrook Road and Boston Post Road, police said.

A 17-year-old female from West Haven was driving the Volkswagen Jetta, according to police. The operator stopped at the scene and has been cooperative during the ongoing investigation, police said.

Some witnesses have come forward following the incident, but Orange police ask if anyone has information about the case to reach out to Officer Denny Peterson at 203-891-2130, ext. 8409.

Apartments

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Commissioner Robert Vetere disagreed.

“They are giving us four additional affordable units,” Vetere said. “So it’s not like we’re giving them these extra two-bedrooms for nothing. I don’t understand where this is a total loss for us.”

Pacekonis countered that if the town held out for 15%, the project would have to designate another four to five apartments as affordable.

“They said that at 15, the project is a no-go,” Vetere relied. “We get nothing then. If that would be the killer to the project, it’s still better to get four more units of affordable housing. We’re looking to get affordable housing anywhere we can.”

Commission Alan Cavagnaro agreed: “I know its not a perfect situation. I would rather have this than nothing. They’ve analyzed this for probably more than a year now and tried to put in as many affordable units as possible.”

Cavagnaro also defended the change to vinyl siding.

“It’s not chicken wire, it’s going to be strong, viable material — not top of the line best, but it would most likely lead to somewhat cheaper rents than if we regulate more hefty, stronger material.”

By a 6-1 vote, the planning and zoning commission amended the zoning rules for the Buckland Gateway zone and also modified the general development plan for Evergreen Walk. Pacekonis cast the only “no” vote on the first, and Commissioner Michael LeBlanc “no” on the second.

Developers will still need approval for a detailed site plan

later, but on Tuesday night won two crucial votes that will let them move forward. The new units will be in addition to the 200 apartments currently on the site.

In letters last month, top town officials along with business owners in and near the plaza pressed commissioners to approve the proposal as a way to shore up local retailers, whose customer base has been eroded by the pandemic as well as the shift to online shopping.

A Costco recently opened nearby, and Shake Shack and Whole Foods are opening locations

at Evergreen Walk later this year. The plaza had lost several tenants in recent years, and more than a dozen of its retail tenants called on commissioners to approve the apartments.

In a 31-page report commissioned by Evergreen Walk, consultant Goman+York called the apartments a way to “better adapt the Evergreen site to the ever-changing and challenging retail landscape, to create diversity in use, and to build resiliency.”

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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION -
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Historic District Commission of the Town of Simsbury will hold a Public Hearing at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/2574297243>
Phone: 1 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 257 429 7243 on the following application:

a. Application #22-05 of Marc Lubetkin, Owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace siding on the property located at 107 East Weatogue Street, Zone R-30.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear via Zoom and be heard on the issues and written communications may be emailed to jholis@simsbury-ct.gov by 12:00 p.m. on July 20, 2022 to have their comments read into the record at the hearing. A copy of the above is on file in the Office of the Simsbury Planning Department, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury Connecticut, for public inspection.
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**PUBLIC HEARING – BRISTOL, CT
SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND**

In accordance with the State Statutes and the Real Estate Committee acting on behalf of the City Council as authorized on June 14, 2022, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 4:50 p.m. in the Police Complex, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room 1, 131 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Interested parties are invited to speak in favor of or against the following proposal:
• The sale of Revised Lot #8 located in the Southeast Bristol Business Park.
ATTEST:
Susan Tyler
Chairperson, Real Estate Committee
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dorothy Mucke, AKA Dorothy M. Mucke (22-0435)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 11, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Leslie Lee Brown, Late of Haddam (22-0426)

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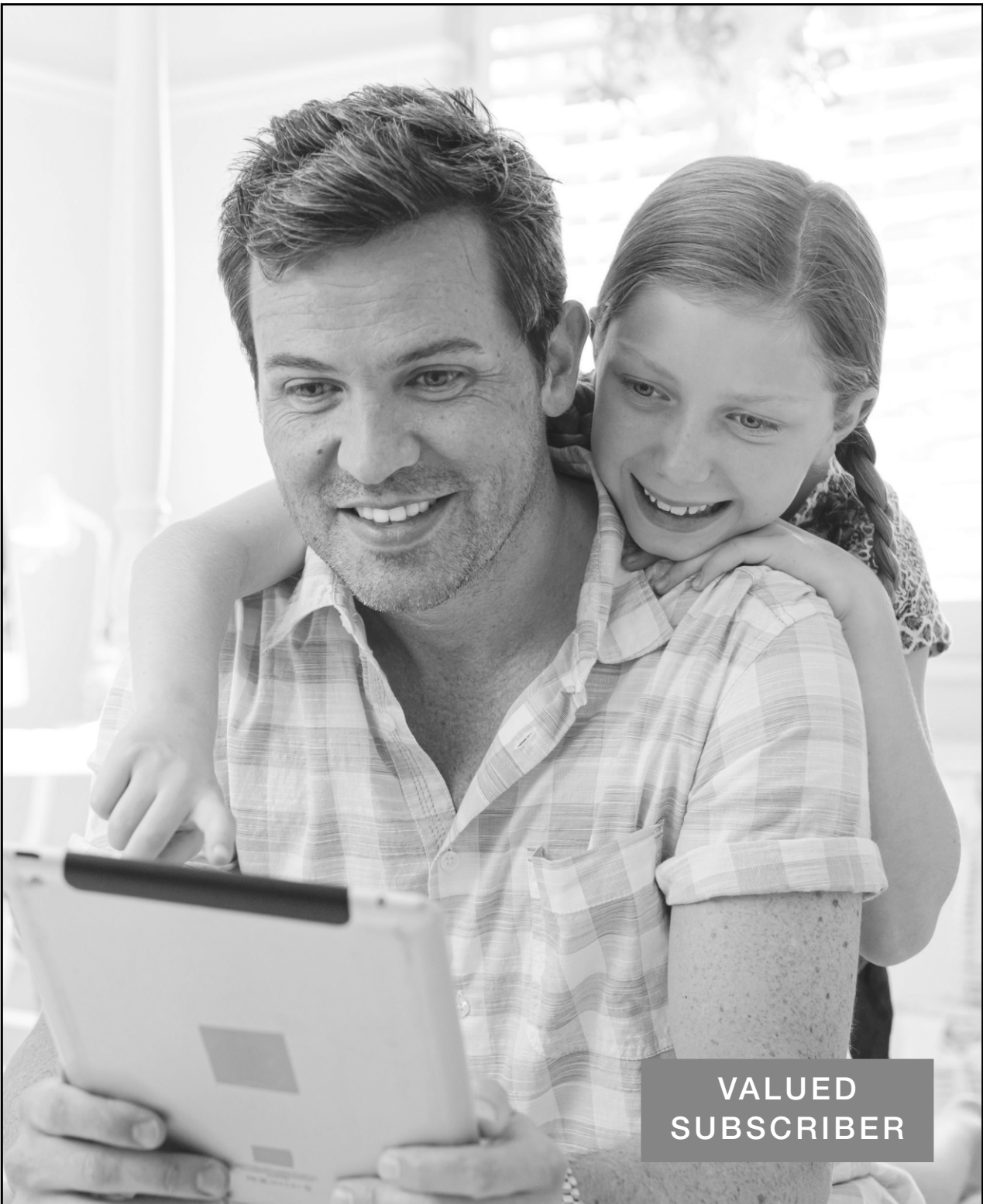




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An abortion-rights activist reacts to the ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned Roe v. Wade, on June 24 in Washington, D.C. NATHAN HOWARD/GETTY

POST-ROE ANXIETY

Mental health experts weigh in on how ruling touches those affected

By Karen Garcia
and Madalyn Amato
Los Angeles Times

The reversal of the most significant reproductive rights ruling in U.S. history has left Roe v. Wade supporters to grapple with what's next. The majority of Americans support legal abortions at least most of the time, repeated polls have shown, with 61% saying that abortion should be legal in most or all cases, according to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center.

Many anxiety-inducing questions remain, including not only how accessible abortion will remain outside of blue states but also what civil rights precedent the Supreme Court could strike down next.

The Los Angeles Times spoke to three people who specialize in mental health care and its relation to abortion about ways to process the news of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization and what the mental health impacts may be:

- Rachel Dyer, board chair for Exhale Pro-Voice, a nonprofit organization that provides abortion support.
- Cynthia Cerrato, holistic marriage and family therapist in LA County who specializes in treating maternal mental health issues.
- Claudia Parada, an associate marriage and family therapist who specializes in treating multiple components of people's identities, including

race, sexuality and decisions around parenting.

Their written responses have been edited for brevity.

Q: What should people understand about the mental health fallout after the overturn of Roe v. Wade?

Dyer: We know from scientific research that facing barriers when seeking abortions, like needing to travel to another state, delaying care to save up for the abortion itself (as well as child care, a hotel, food, gas, taking time off work), is associated with greater emotional distress. With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, we can expect this sort of emotional distress to impact more people more significantly, as states now have the power to pass laws making abortions illegal.

Again, we know from scientific research that if you need an abortion and are unable to access one, your mental health will suffer as well as your physical, relational and financial health.

Lastly, the literal existence of this Dobbs decision is emotionally harmful as it perpetuates abortion stigma. We know that abortions themselves do not cause emotional distress; abortion stigma does, and that stigma, at the level of our institutions and government, is only going to get worse. This will harm not only the emotional well-being of people who will need abortions in the future, but people who have already had abortions, too.

Cerrato: What I'd like for the community to understand about the mental health fallout of this decision are the natural responses and feelings that we will experience. Normalizing and validating these feelings and behaviors will be vital to our collective healing process during this time.

The first thing that I feel most will experience is fear. Fear of what is next. For example, I've already heard individuals concerned about if same-sex marriage is next to be overturned. Anger and a tremendous amount of anxiety are other feelings that most of us will experience as a result of our uncertain future.

Parada: The impact of this decision will touch the lives of every generation in this lifetime and many generations to come.

The long-term adverse effects of the internalization of this message is that women and people with uteruses may believe that they don't deserve to have that freedom of choice or power. As a Latinx woman, I see this internalization with older women in my family that believe we should not have the right to choose how and when we birth because they have been conditioned to trust the "experts" to dictate what's best for their health in all areas — mentally, emotionally, physically, spiritually.

Q: What kinds of challenges and experiences have you been hearing from your

patients before and after the overturn?

C: The challenges and experiences that my clients have been experiencing before and after the overturn of Roe v. Wade are the same feelings that they have been feeling these last two to three years. These are feelings of hopelessness and a sense of despair.

Most of my clients have a shared common "coping" mechanism that, while we know isn't healthy, is protective to a certain extent. That coping mechanism is feeling a sense of numbness, feeling like they're dissociating from all of the recent traumatic events that we've experienced (COVID-19, the Uvalde mass shooting in Texas, etc.).

Most of my clients have also expressed a feeling of rage mixed up with helplessness. Rage at the impact of white supremacy and a patriarchal society on our communities and helplessness, feeling like there's nothing they can do to change our current climate. Most of my clients are also experiencing a sense of "Are we ever going to get a break?"

P: It's not normal to have power and autonomy taken from you and your body. Many folks have felt dissociated, at a loss and overwhelmed. Especially because many workplaces aren't creating safe spaces to discuss the impact of this decision and often people are asked to continue with their lives, business as usual.

Q: What are some ways to healthily process the overturn of Roe v. Wade?

D: Processing the news ... is going to look differently for everyone. First, I would encourage folks to slow down or pause, and check in with themselves. What are they feeling? What are they needing? Have they had enough water today? Have they been scrolling through their Twitter feeds for hours, reading news and hot takes? Being gentle with yourself, meeting your basic needs and doing things that bring you joy are essential.

C: Finding a safe space, such as a therapist, a community group or wellness collective, seeking spiritual guidance, engaging in rituals and healthy activities are great ways of processing the news of the overturn. It's important to also point out that processing doesn't always have to be verbal. Spending time in nature is always medicinal, as well as movement. Not only is it grounding, but also increases our serotonin level, which helps increase hope. Moments of silence are also a healthy practice that increases our capacity to be able to hold space for our feelings and thoughts.

Most of all, what I'd like for the community to remember is that in order to remain hopeful and active in creating change, we must continue to center and prioritize our joy even amidst an uncertain chaotic world.

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— Cynthia Cerrato, a marriage and family therapist in Los Angeles

Some viruses make people more attractive to mosquitoes, study shows

HealthDay News

When a mosquito bites and infects you with a virus like dengue or Zika, it also makes you smell good to other mosquitoes, new research suggests.

That makes it more likely another one will bite, pick up the virus and carry it to the next victim.

"The virus can manipulate the hosts' skin microbiome to attract more mosquitoes to spread faster," said study co-author Penghua Wang, an immunologist at UConn Health in Farmington, Connecticut.

The findings could explain how mosquito-

borne viruses persist for such a long time, researchers said.

Both dengue and Zika are spread by mosquitoes.

Dengue affects 50 million people a year and kills 20,000, mostly children, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Zika can cause serious birth defects in the unborn children of infected pregnant women, though it rarely causes serious problems in adults.

To keep spreading, both viruses require ongoing infections in hosts. If all mosquitoes died or all susceptible hosts cleared

the virus, the viruses would disappear.

But there are always mosquitoes in tropical climates, and the viruses just need one to bite a host to be able to spread.

Researchers suspected the viruses might be altering people's scent in some way to attract mosquitoes.

They found that mosquitoes seemed to prefer mice infected with dengue more than healthy mice.

They tested several molecules that were more common on infected animals. They applied these to mice and humans.

One molecule, acetophenone, was especially attrac-

tive to mosquitoes.

Similarly, skin odorants from people with dengue found more acetophenone and that these patients also were more attractive to mosquitoes.

Researchers also tested a potential preventative — a vitamin A derivative called isotretinoin that increases production of the skin's protective antimicrobial peptide. Mice treated with isotretinoin were less attractive to mosquitoes.

The next step is to analyze more human patients with dengue and Zika, Wang said.

The findings were published in the journal Cell.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Sykes wouldn't host Oscars again

From news services

Wanda Sykes didn't know what she was in for when she agreed to host the Oscars in March.

What began as a night to celebrate the best in motion pictures, of course, turned into an avalanche of chaos after Will Smith walked on stage and slapped presenter Chris Rock in the face — taking the spotlight from co-hosts Regina Hall, Amy Schumer and Sykes.

Appearing Tuesday on "Live With Kelly and Ryan," Sykes reflected on her overall feelings about the event, speaking specifically to the joy of "CODA's" historic best picture win.

"It was an amazing night, it really was," she said. "You know, it was just so much good vibes going on in the room, the movie 'CODA' was killing it, everyone was really happy."

Soon after, Ryan Seacrest brought up the burning question: Would she do it again, knowing all that would happen?

"Oh, hell no," she said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"I mean, I shouldn't say it like that," she added. "It was an amazing honor, and I think it's something that you want to do, you do it once, and I don't know if I would want to do it again. It's a huge job, and it took a lot of people to clean me up."

After Kelly Ripa expressed her own incredulity at the slapping incident, Seacrest asked Sykes what her initial reaction was when she saw it happen.

"It was just like, what is happening?" she said. "I couldn't believe it, shocked. And then it was like, 'OK, so everyone's just going to sit here?' The show just kept going. I'd look beyond the curtain, like, 'He's still sitting here?'"



Wanda Sykes, seen June 13, recently spoke about hosting the Oscars on "Live With Kelly and Ryan." **AMY SUSSMAN/GETTY**

Eminem to drop second greatest hits set: Eminem will release "Curtain Call 2," a follow-up to his 2005 greatest hits set, on Aug. 5, it was announced Monday.

"Curtain Call 2" collects the rapper's hits from 2009's "Relapse" forward and will cover side projects and guest collaborations, according to a release.

"The King and I," his track from the soundtrack to Baz Luhrmann's "Elvis," will also be included.

The original "Curtain Call" collected tracks from the rapper's first four major label studio albums.

Harjo to release picture book: Joy Harjo, who is nearing the end of her three-year run as the country's poet laureate, will have a picture book out next spring.

Random House Children's Books announced Wednesday that Harjo's "Remember," adapted from her celebrated poem

of the same name, is scheduled for March 21. The book will feature illustrations by Michaela Goade.

"In simple and direct language, Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, urges readers to pay close attention to who they are, the world they were born into and how all inhabitants on earth are connected," the publisher's announcement reads in part.

Harjo, 71, was the first Native American to serve as poet laureate. She will be succeeded by Ada Limon.

July 14 birthdays: Actor Nancy Olson is 94. Actor Rosey Grier is 90. Actor Vincent Pastore is 76. Actor Eric Laneuville is 70. Actor Jane Lynch is 62. Actor Matthew Fox is 56. Actor Missy Gold is 52. Singer Tameka Cottle is 47. Actor Scott Porter is 43. Actor Phoebe Waller-Bridge is 37. Singer Dan Reynolds is 35.



ASK AMY

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Cousin caring for mom also took from her

Dear Amy: My cousin was living with and taking care of my mom near the end of my mom's life.

My mother needed constant care. I was living hundreds of miles away at the time, so this was a good solution at the time.

In 2013, I moved back home to Florida to be with my mom for whatever time she had left.

I soon found out that my cousin was taking almost all of my mom's SSI for herself. My cousin got \$1,100 per month, leaving very little money left for my mother's use.

I finally removed my mom from her care, and my mom was happier for it.

I just can't forgive her for the harm she caused and for taking advantage of someone who obviously cared for her.

Mom died in 2014. My problem is that my other cousins and family members still talk to my cousin and treat her like she is part of the family.

They say I'm being unreasonable for not forgiving her.

I believe she was abusive toward my mother, but I can't prove it. Am I wrong for not wanting to forgive her for what she did?

— *Betrayed*

Dear Betrayed: If you know that this family member abused your elderly mother, then your anger is justified. Why should you forgive this person?

From the tone of your question, it seems that this allegation against your cousin has not been disputed. Nor has your cousin acknowledged, explained, apologized or asked for your forgiveness.

You don't mention what

the financial arrangement was with your cousin. I assume that it was not contractual, but more of a casual arrangement between family, involving housing and other benefits for your cousin.

There is no excuse for your cousin's behavior, and you might investigate ways to pursue this legally.

In my opinion, "moving on" would be you accepting that you cannot control these other family members. You cannot insist that they cut out this cousin. But they don't live in your reality, and they don't have the right to judge you for your anger.

Dear Amy: A group of neighbors with a similar medical condition gather to support one another in a formal monthly setting.

Members would like to share their concerns and receive support.

However, one member in particular responds to everyone's comment often with medical research, which doesn't apply in every case.

Others in the group have expressed concern that she takes over the meetings.

Someone suggested timing individual responses, but this feels too structured.

Is there a way to make the point to the offender privately without causing bad feelings?

— *Tired of the Lectures*

Dear Tired: Ideally, if your group had a coordinator, that person could redirect the meetings once they got derailed.

It sounds as if at least some of this medical information might be relevant to the group, and I think

it would help to acknowledge that.

Support groups function best when members do a lot of listening, some commiserating, and — finally — offer advice and resources to one another.

If this person's monologues are driving you crazy, then — congratulations! — you get to address this with her.

Tell her, "I appreciate the research you do, but I hope you agree with me that it's also important that everyone be heard and emotionally supported. I believe that you tend to dominate the meetings, and it's frustrating."

Dear Amy: Why the hullabaloo about keeping photos of a long-ago ex? Why should "Charlie" have to get rid of them?

If he's obsessing about these photos and hasn't really moved on, I could see why the current wife is losing her mind with jealousy. Otherwise it's completely benign. It's his past, his memories.

My husband offered to get rid of his ex's photos and I told him absolutely not. She was a part of his life, and I don't feel I'm in competition with her.

She has his past. I have his future.

— *Not Threatened*

Dear Not: I happen to agree with you, but I also see the point that other readers have raised: If these photos cause distress, "Charlie" should consider his wife's feelings.

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'Colosseum' filmmaker juggles scripted drama, documentary

By Luaine Lee
Tribune News Service

When he was a little boy, British filmmaker Jim Greayer wanted to be a medieval knight. "Sometimes when my sisters just wanted to go to the beach or lie by the pool, we'd go off and visit a monastery on a hill, or something like that," he says.

"I was always keen to put myself in the shoes of the people and see it through the eyes of the people back then, just imagine what it would be like to be a monk or a knight or something like that — just try to fill in the blanks of the landscape and bring those ruins back to life," he says.

Visiting castles and monasteries and abbeys with his mom sparked a passion in him that has lasted a lifetime. "I've always been attracted to ancient history, Roman history, medieval history — just the parts of history that require you to re-create a world," he says.

"I can't be a medieval knight, but the closest I can come to it is to make a film about it."

Greayer has taken on the momentous task of overseeing an eight-episode docudrama about the Roman Empire. "Colosseum," premiering July 17 on the History Channel, portrays the agony and ecstasy of that most famous arena. It's also about the lives of eight real people who lived during that tumultuous time.

Dogging the footsteps of these ancient folk took some serious detective work, says Greayer, 47. "Depending on who the character is, determines how much detective work was needed to fully round out those characters," he says.

"Someone like Emperor Commodus is one of the



Gladiators battle in the Colosseum in the Roman Empire, the subject of the saga "Colosseum." **HISTORY CHANNEL**



Greayer

Phoenix character. An awful lot is known about him. But about some of the slave characters we know only fragments. And it's a question of finding other fragments to piece together a bigger story. So, the detective work is finding other clues about where they might have come from, what their life might have looked like, and I think that detective work is something that takes place on the screen as well as in the research for the series."

They haunted archeological sites and foraged for clues among the descriptive Roman mosaics. "Actually, those lesser-known characters are more satisfying because you're having to do much more historical detective work than someone like (physician, surgeon) Galen who wrote a huge amount himself, and we know a lot about him," says Greayer.

The filmmaker, who has supervised series such as

"First Ladies," "Eight Days that Made Rome" and "Worlds Greatest Mountains," says the most difficult part of "Colosseum" was creating two narratives simultaneously.

"It's almost like running two productions at once," he says, "you're running a documentary and a drama — they both have quite different needs. One is you're trying to create a scripted drama and pull off a drama production. On the other hand, you're trying to research the history, shoot interviews (with historians) and bring it all together. So, it's quite a lot to juggle to keep both of those things going in a single production."

Greayer's first job right out of college was with the History Channel. "I sent out a million letters to production companies and only got one response, and that was from the History Channel, which was staffed with lots of film school grads and people who had long careers in TV — but not much history. So, I was brought on as a kind of 'runner,' my job was to know a bit of history. They would teach me filmmaking, and I would teach them history."

The rest, as they say, is history.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You might have to choose between holding on tighter or letting go. It can be hard to know what you really want, but the situation that you're in might demand that you choose now. Peer pressure doesn't lead to the best results.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A difficult encounter with an authority figure may catch you off guard at any moment. This person might make you do something that you're not interested in doing, which can cause a rift even if you normally have a good relationship. For now, following their instructions might be best.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You could be trying to rush your recuperation. Whether you're healing from physical or emotional wounds, pushing yourself may be tempting. Don't push your body or your soul too far. You don't want to take one step forward and then have to move two steps back.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Finding privacy may be difficult at this time. You might find yourself being interrupted or intruded upon by multiple people, frustrating you as you try to make personal space. Count to ten, remind yourself that this too shall pass, and don't let them get the best of you.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 14, 1881, outlaw "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in present-day New Mexico.

In 1912, American folk singer-songwriter Woody

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your current reputation may get you in trouble with someone more powerful than you are. A jealous person could be spreading a negative rumor about you. Try not to let someone else's perception of you get you down, because you know the truth. Handle yourself with grace.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may now be more critical than usual, Virgo. Depending on where you are focused, this can be both a good and a bad thing. Avoid speaking up every time you notice a mistake — try to stick with pointing out things that could be fixed quickly, like a bit of chocolate on the corner of their mouth.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Unclear instructions might be frustrating you. Somewhere the wires have probably gotten crossed. Whether they delivered bad information to you, or you misunderstood what they were trying to tell you, it likely hasn't resulted in the outcome they wanted. Try not to be discouraged.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The current passions of others may oppose your core morals. Someone might be gung-ho about making changes that seem to be progressive to them, but they may actually just be changing for the sake of change. It's alright to do things the traditional way in this situation.

Guthrie ("This Land Is Your Land") was born in Okemah, Oklahoma.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 2004, the Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. (Forty-eight senators voted to advance the measure and 50 voted to block it.)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Motivation could be lacking today. You might not have had a chance to get the amount of rest that you need, which can easily take a toll on you now. Even if you finish everything on your to-do list, it's likely that a lot was asked of you in the first place. It's okay to need a break.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your desire to put yourself out there may be competing with the urge to blend into the shadows at this time. It's harder to be embarrassed if you're never vulnerable with others. While putting yourself out there is usually a good idea, today it might be best to keep your heart off of your sleeve.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your sensitivity might be triggered today by someone else's brash commentary. This person may push your buttons in a way that you weren't expecting them to. Since it hits so close to home, you could react in a way that makes things worse if you don't think first. Tread carefully.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your thoughts may take on a blunt nature right now. You might not be aware of how others perceive you right now. Joking around in gray areas or speaking on sensitive subjects should be avoided today, especially if you're trying to impress someone who is your superior.

In 2016, terror struck Bastille Day celebrations in the French city of Nice as a truck plowed into a crowd, killing 86 people in an attack claimed by Islamic State extremists; the driver was shot dead by police.

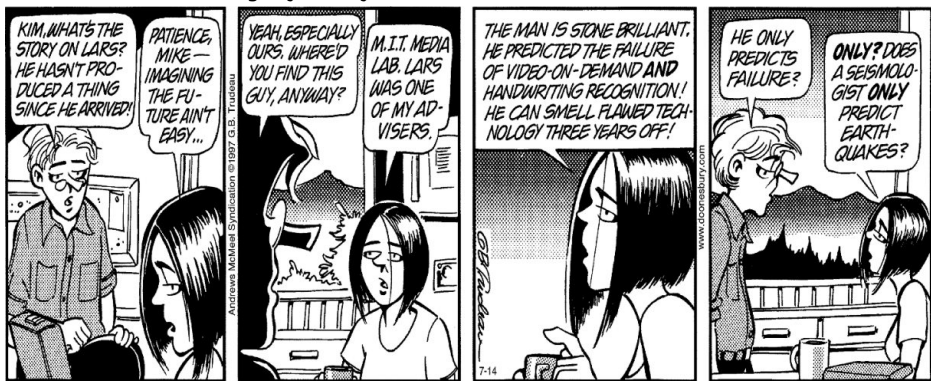
In 2020, researchers reported that the first COVID-19 vaccine tested in the U.S. revved up people's immune systems as scientists had hoped.



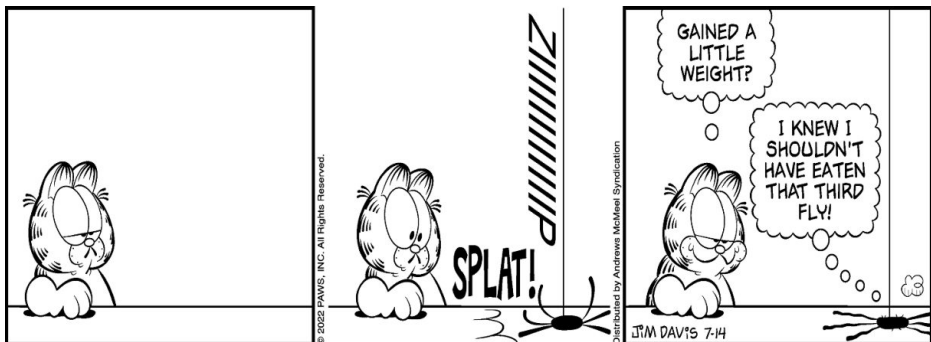
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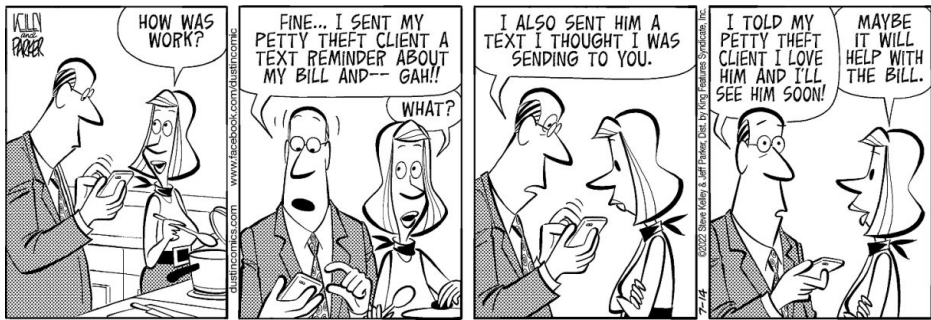
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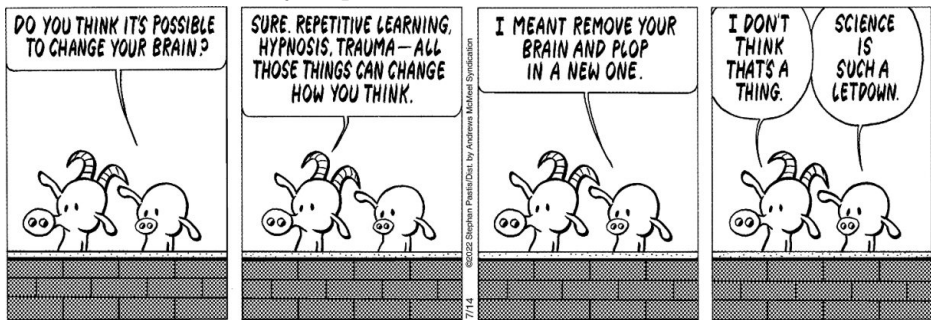
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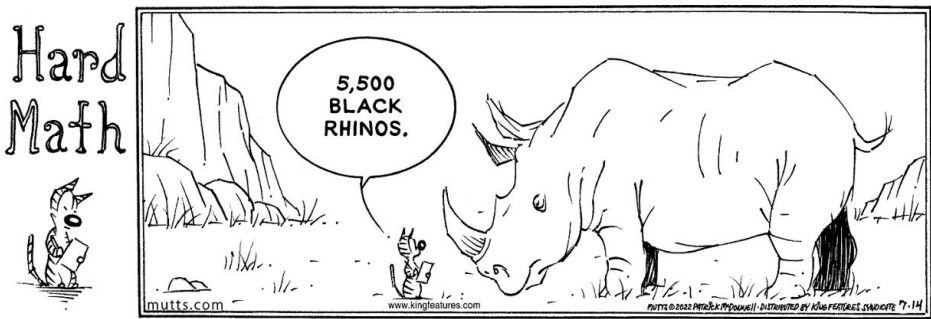
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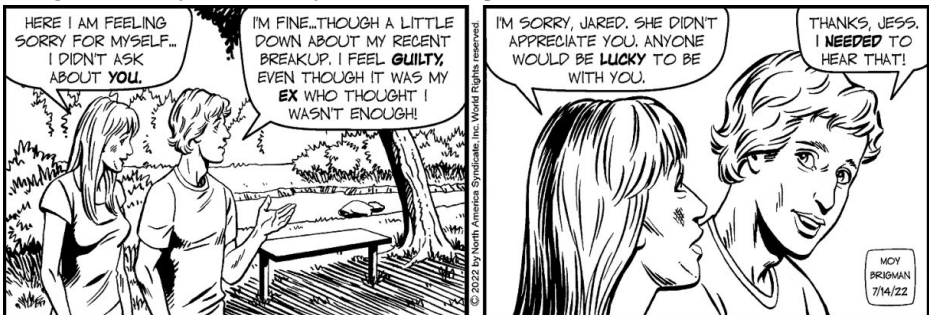
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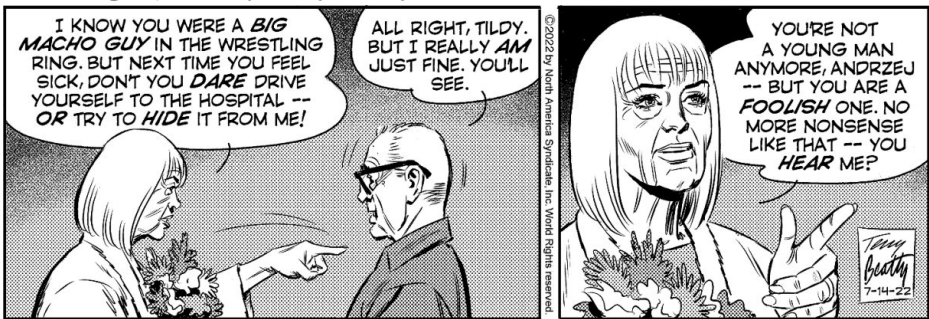
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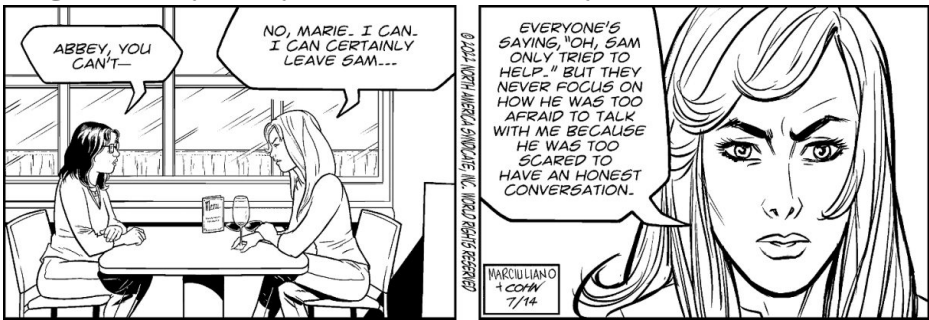
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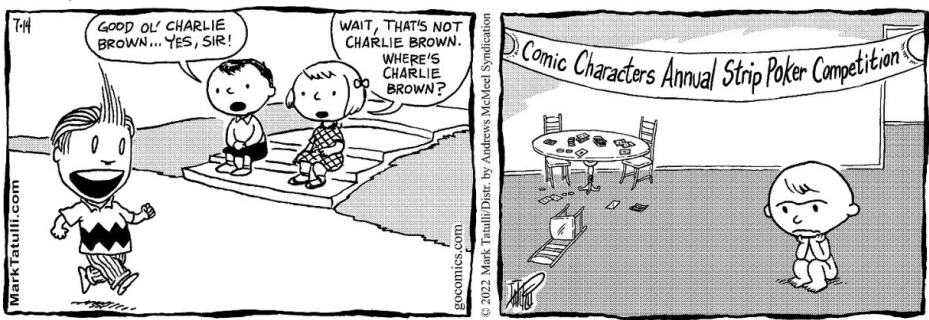
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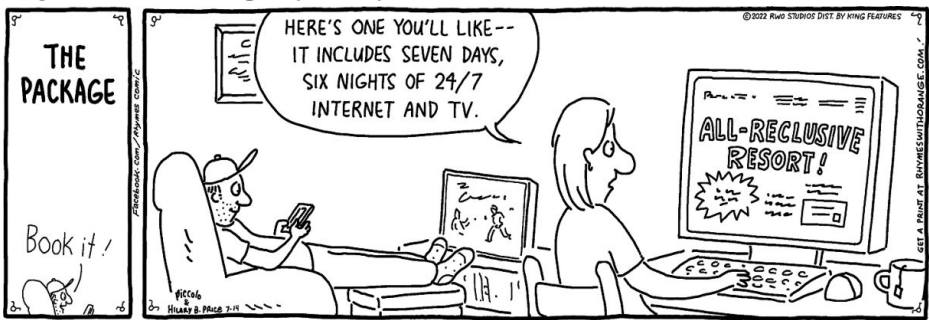
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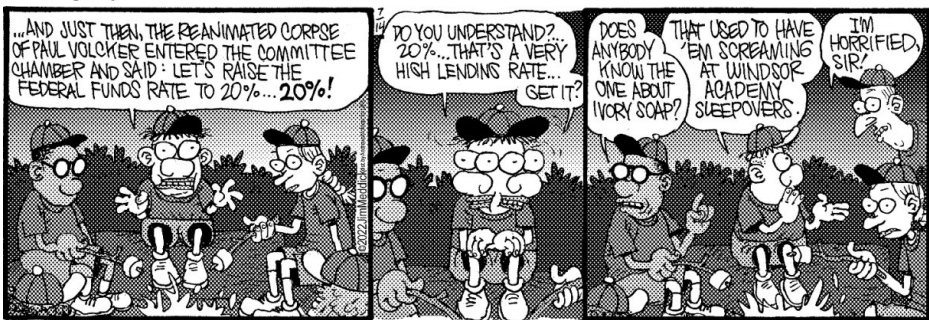
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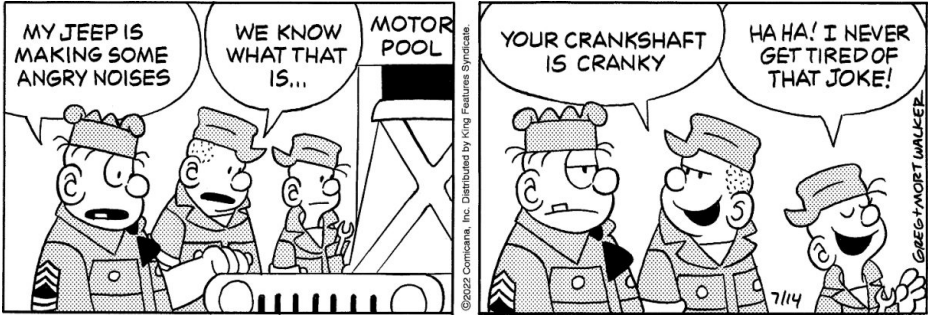
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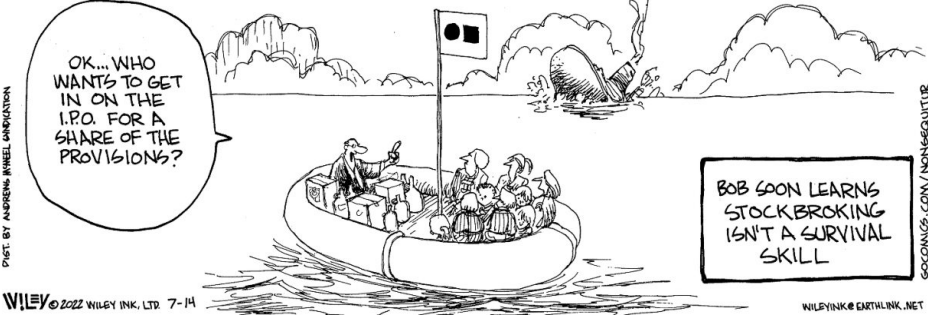
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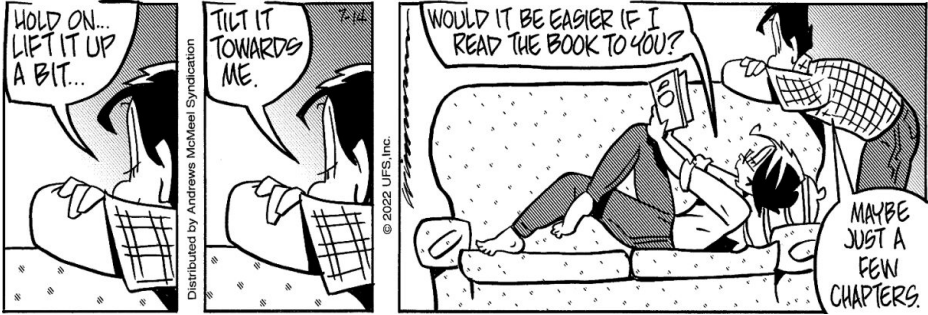
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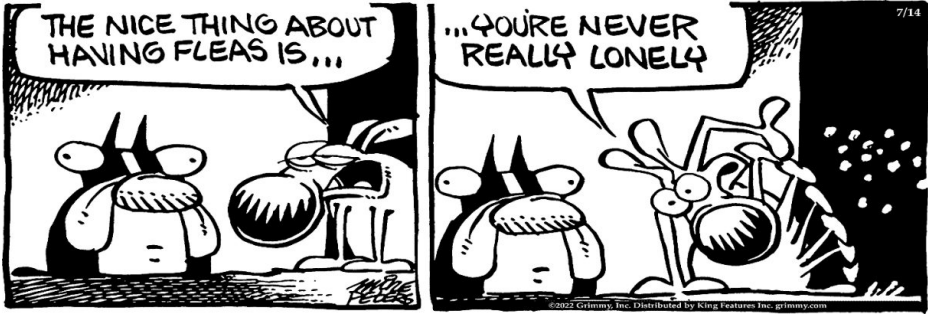
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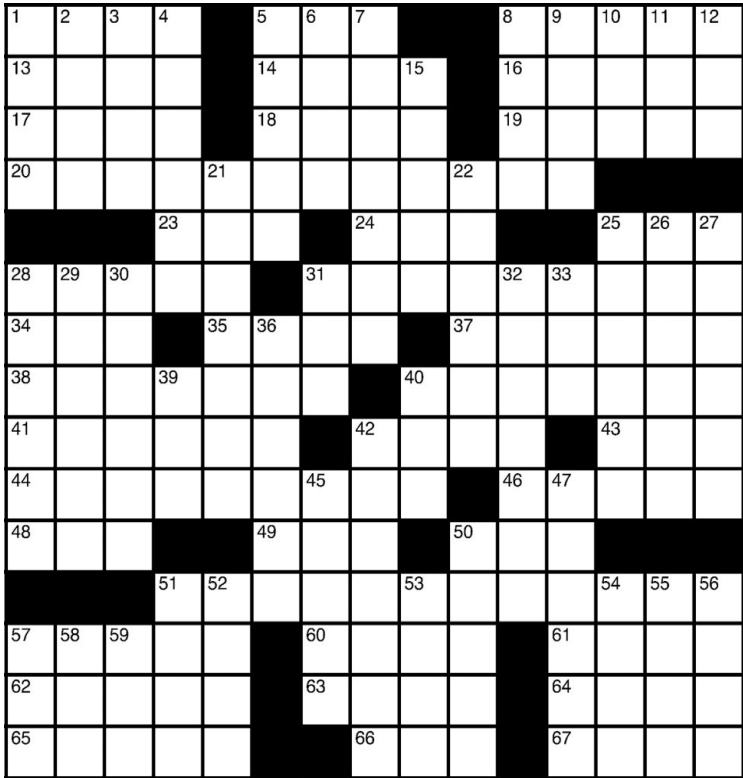
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BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A J
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ J 9 8 6

WEST

- ♠ 9 8 7 5 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ 9 7
♣ K 3 2

EAST

- ♠ 6 4
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ Q 5 4

SOUTH

- ♠ K Q 10 2
♥ K 9
♦ A Q J 8
♣ A 10 7

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
6 NT
Opening lead — nine of spades.

Bad bidding sometimes pays off

In most circles these days, the range for an opening two-notrump bid is 20 or 21 points. There is no ordinance or statute that compels you to conform to that range, and if you occasionally yield to temptation and cheat by one point, it will rarely prove fatal. The really big trouble in these cases usually comes later on. If, for example, you decide to stretch your range by opening two notrump with only 19 points but then bid again when partner merely invites a slam, you are guilty of compounding one felony with another. Most of the time, such excessive zeal will prove very costly.

However, you might get lucky once in a while, which is exactly what happened in this deal where South had no extra values (other than two tens) for his two-notrump bid and yet accepted a slam invitation by North.

South's play of the hand was much

better than his bidding. Fortunately, he escaped the club lead that would have put him out of commission immediately. Instead, West made the more natural lead of the nine of spades, and South quickly realized that he could not make 12 tricks with routine play. Desperate measures seemed to be called for.

Accordingly, after winning the spade with dummy's jack, South led the three of hearts and played the nine from his hand after East followed low! When the nine forced West's ace, South had 12 sure tricks consisting of four spades, three hearts, four diamonds and a club.

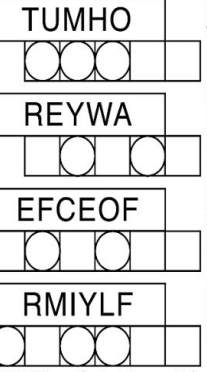
Note that South would have gone down one against proper defense had he gone up with the king of hearts at trick two. Declarer needed three heart tricks to make the slam, and his best shot by far was to finesse the nine at trick two.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

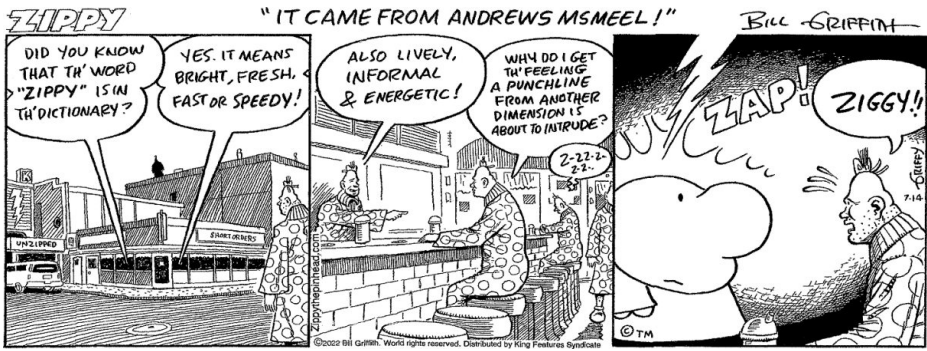
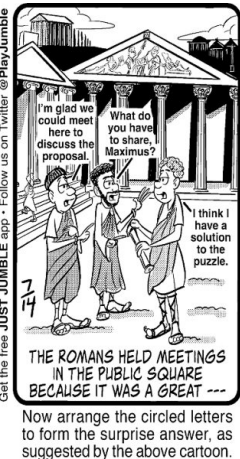


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Ans. here: TUMHO, REYWA, EFCEOF, RMIYLF

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FILLY VISTA UNWISE FERRET
Answer: Using a lighter instead of matches was a more — SUREFIRE WAY



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SPORTS

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YANKEES

How hitting coach helped get Torres back on track

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Dillon Lawson waited for the right time, even with the clock ticking. Gleyber Torres and Aaron Judge showed up at the player development complex in Tampa in mid-October. They worked in the cages and the soon-to-be new hitting coach watched them work. He looked at video of Torres’ swing and did his homework and with the possibility of a lockout hanging over them, Lawson waited for Torres to ask. “Hey, what do you got,” the

infielder coming off two down seasons finally asked. Lawson had drilled down on how and why Torres had changed his swing from 2018-2021. He had a short video to show the changes and then they talked about how to get him back to himself. “There were really slow changes from 2018. It goes with him trying to be a complete hitter, which these guys want to do. They want to be able to hit for average and for power,” Lawson said. “In 2018 he definitely was doing that and used it for power and power in 2019, but he was trying to get back to average and then basi-



The Yankees’ Gleyber Torres bats against the Astros during the ninth inning of a game on June 30 in Houston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

cally kind of got himself out of sorts, out of good habits while trying to get into some other good things.” This season, Torres has rediscovered some good habits and

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RED SOX

Sale looked every bit as good as anyone could’ve hoped for

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

A healthy and effective Chris Sale changes everything for the Red Sox. Forget about the bullpen blowing Tuesday’s game and wasting five scoreless innings from Sale in a 3-2 loss to the Rays. Forget about the ridiculous decisions by Matt Strahm and Franchy Cordero to throw the ball around the infield and let the game-tying and go-ahead runs to score in the sixth. Forget about Alex Verdugo’s baserunning blunder as he was

picked off third base and the Sox couldn’t convert with runners on first and third, nobody out in the seventh. Here’s the important part: Sale is healthy. He’s effective. He averaged 95.1 mph on his fastball, his hardest in a game since 2019 according to Brooks Baseball, and he generated a remarkable 10 called strikes on a dizzying slider that was dancing across the zone. Tuesday’s game had plenty to talk about, from Alex Cora’s decision to play small ball (it almost worked, if Verdugo hadn’t

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BASEBALL HARRISBURG AT YARD GOATS



‘PITCH YOUR WAY OUT OF THERE’

UConn starting pitcher Tim Cate delivers to the plate during a 2017 game against East Carolina at Dunkin Donuts Park. COURANT FILE

Former UConn, Cheney Tech pitcher Tim Cate back on track in Nationals system; will start vs. Yard Goats tonight

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Tim Cate was on an injury rehab assignment, but he found himself in Class A a little longer than he expected. “It was kind of humbling,” Cate said. “During the assignment I was placed on the Wilmington roster. It is what it is. They said, ‘Pitch your way out of there,’ and that’s what I did.” Cate, a lefthander who pitched his way from Cheney Tech in Manchester to UConn, was a second-round pick in the 2018 MLB Draft. He reached Double A last season but went 2-10 with a 5.31 ERA. Now it began to feel like his career was going in the wrong direction. But he accepted the challenge and reversed course, and after 12 starts at Class A Wilmington, he was recalled to Double A Harrisburg for the second half of the season. He’s back home, to start against the Yard Goats at Dunkin’ Donuts Park on Thursday night at 7:05 p.m.. “I fixed up some mechanical issues I had

“You can’t change too much. You can’t get into your own head; I just have to go out and do what I do best, throw strikes.”

— Tim Cate

last year,” Cate said. “My command is feeling a lot better than it was. Then going through the second time around, I have a little more confidence and know what I’m going into at this Double A level; the elite hitters at this level. You can’t change too much. You can’t get into your own head; I just have to go out and do what I do best, throw strikes.” In 52 ½ innings at Wilmington, Cate walked 15 and struck out 52, pitching to a 2.92 ERA. His calling card is his curve ball, which he learned to spin at a young age and

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Former Cheney Tech-Manchester and UConn star Tim Cate, right, is in Double A with the Nationals’ Harrisburg affiliate. He’ll pitch against the Yard Goats in Hartford today. COURANT FILE

BRITISH OPEN FIRST ROUND

Collin Morikawa, right, is among the top competitors at The Open Championship, which began Thursday at 1:30 a.m. Eastern time. Catch up with the first round on the USA Network, where coverage lasts until 3 p.m. For more, see Page 4. ANDY BUCHANAN/GETTY



NBA

Former Husky Martin adjusts to pace of pro game

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

It took a little time, but it looks like things are kicking in for former UConn men’s basketball star Tyrese Martin. He’s three games into his professional career, playing with Atlanta Hawks in the NBA’s Las Vegas Summer League, and with each game he’s gotten better and better. On Saturday he managed just five points in a loss to the Utah

Jazz. Monday he had nine in a loss to the New Orleans Pelicans. By Tuesday it all came together with 21 points and six rebounds in a 95-88 win over the Miami Heat. What’s made the difference? “I think the game just slowed down,” Martin told Annie Finberg, the Atlanta Hawks’ digital reporter, following Tuesday’s game. “It’s a different level for me coming from college. The game is definitely faster. After getting a couple (games) under my belt

it definitely slowed down and I was able to play downhill. I felt like myself.” Martin was selected 51st overall by the Golden State Warriors in the second round of the NBA Draft but was quickly traded to the Atlanta Hawks. In his first game against the Jazz, despite just five points and 1-for-9 shooting, he did add three rebounds and two assists. Though his shot wasn’t falling he

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Rays, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Reds, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Cubs, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at Cubs, Friday, 2 p.m.; at Cubs, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Yard Goats: Harrisburg, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Friday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sun: at Dream, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Aces, Sunday, 1 p.m.; New York, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Charleston, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh, July 23, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

ACTION SPORTS

8 p.m.: Spikeball 2022 Utah Coed. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Pittsburgh Pirates at Miami Marlins. (Live) MLB
3 p.m.: San Diego Padres at Colorado Rockies. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Kansas City Royals at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9

8 p.m.: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
11 p.m.: Milwaukee Brewers at San Francisco Giants. (Live) SPRTNET
BASKETBALL
11 a.m.: WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at New York Liberty. (Live) NBA
2 p.m.: Toronto Raptors vs Utah Jazz. (Taped) NBA
3:30 p.m.: Memphis Grizzlies vs Boston Celtics. (Live) NBA
5:30 p.m.: Cleveland Cavaliers vs Detroit Pistons. (Live) NBA
7:30 p.m.: New York Knicks vs Orlando Magic. (Live) NBA
8 p.m.: Dallas Mavericks vs Milwaukee Bucks. (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: Portland Trail Blazers vs Houston Rockets. (Live) NBA
10 p.m.: Brooklyn Nets vs Minnesota Timberwolves. (Live) ESPN

BICYCLING

3 p.m.: Tour de France Stage 12. (Same-day Tape) USA
FOOTBALL
5:30 a.m.: Western Bulldogs vs St. Kilda Saints. (Live) FSP

GOLF
1 p.m.: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: Barracuda Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
4 a.m. Fri.: Open Championship Second Round. (Live) USA
SOCCER
11:30 a.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Italy vs Iceland. (Live) ESPN2
4:55 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Paraguay vs Bolivia. (Live) FSI
7 p.m.: CONCACAF Women's Championship First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN
7:50 p.m.: Copa América Femenina Chile vs Ecuador. (Live) FSI
8:30 p.m.: Canadian Premier League Soccer HFX Wanderers FC at Cavalry FC. (Live) FSP
10 p.m.: CONCACAF Women's Championship Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN

YARD GOATS 6, SENATORS 2

Datres, Goats down Harrisburg

Staff report

HARTFORD — Kyle Datres had three its and drove in two runs to lead the Yard Goats to a 6-2 win over the Harrisburg Senators in an Eastern League Northeast Division game at Dunkin' Donuts Park on Wednesday night.

Harrisburg took a 1-0 lead in the first on an RBI single by Dondrei Hubbard. The Yard Goats (50-33) bounced back with a three-run second on an RBI single by Datres and a two-run base hit by Daniel Cope.

The team exchanged single runs in the fourth inning when the Senators' Andrew Young and Hartford's Brenton Doyle each hit solo home runs. The Yard Goats padded their lead with two more in the eighth on a Doyle sacrifice fly and another run-scoring single by Datres.

Michael Baerid (3-1) started and picked up the win, pitching five innings allowing two runs on seven hits. PJ Poulin pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save.

Cate

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didn't lose despite missing a year of high school recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Making the rare jump from a Tech school to UConn, Cate struck out 270 batters in 210 ½ innings as a Husky, catching the Washington Nationals' eye. His journey toward the major leagues seemed on track after a solid 2019 season (7-4, 3.31 ERA) in Advanced Class A. He spent the 2020 season, with minor league baseball canceled by COVID-19, at the Nationals "alternate training site," close enough to sniff the major leagues.

"I mean, 2020 was a pretty good year for me," he said. "I was pitching well at the alternate site. Then 2021 rolled around and I think I just tried to change too much of who I was as a pitcher. I kind of had to go back to my roots and look at what I did well from the time I was at UConn up to 2020, go back to the drawing board and build my way back up. In baseball, you've got to have a short memory, but you can't ignore years like that either, you learn from them."

Cate began this season with a strained lat muscle and dropped the level for his recovery.

"There was a great group of guys in Wilmington," Cate said, "and even though I was thinking the whole time about getting back



Tim Cate delivers a pitch during his time at UConn. COURTESY OF UCONN

here, I enjoyed my time there."

As Cate has moved through the minors much has changed above him. The Nationals, World Series winners in 2019, are now 30-59, last in the NL East and rebuilding. From their postseason rotation, Max Scherzer is gone, Stephen Strasburg and Anibal Sanchez have been injured and Patrick Corbin (4-11) is struggling. This would be a good time for Cate, 24, to string some good starts together in the high minors.

"Curve ball is still sharp, I still like

to throw that," Cate said. "Fastball is good and I've developed a changeup. I'm learning how to pitch guys certain ways and what kind of pitch mix feels best. Right now, it's 50 percent fastballs, 25 percent curves and 25 percent changeups. The big thing for me is mixing up my pitches because I don't have the overpowering fastball."

Now that Cate is back in Double A, he'll be pitching on familiar ground. Some of his best performances for UConn, including a Friday night win over East Caro-

lina in 2017, came at Dunkin' Donuts Park. He's leaving seven passes for relatives and friends from Manchester to come watch him and there figures to be a large cheering section of former teammates and coaches in the stands.

"I'm excited to be back home," he said. "This is one of he nicest minor league parks we'll play in this year, so it's always fun to be back here and be with my family."

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Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws to a Rays batter during a game Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Sox

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jumped too far off third), to the bullpen suffering another loss, to Trevor Story exiting the game with a scary hand injury and the Sox revealing that J.D. Martinez is once again dealing with back stiffness.

It was a chaotic day in Red Sox Land, but don't let that distract from the real news: Sale is back.

Not just a shadow of the figure who used to contend for Cy Young Awards on a year basis. The shadow figure that showed up every five days for the Red Sox last year. That guy wasn't nearly as precise or powerful, nor was his delivery under control the way it was for Sale on Tuesday.

It wasn't a perfect night. He allowed three hits and a walk and got bailed out by some quality defense from Xander Bogaerts at shortstop and Story at second base. But it was close to perfect, and for a guy who hasn't pitched in a big league game since last October, it was beyond anything

that could've been hoped for.

"He threw the ball well, he finished well, he did an outstanding job towards the end," Cora told reporters in Tampa. "Command of the pitches were OK, delivery was under control. It's a good start."

A good start would've been if Sale went five innings, allowed two runs and struck out three.

This was a great start.

He's not vintage Sale. Not yet. But it's easy to see the difference now compared to the guy who couldn't throw strikes and whose slider wasn't sharp enough to fool anybody at times last season.

Watching Sale talk about his start on NESN's postgame show, it was clear that he felt the difference, too.

"I'm not broken anymore," he said. "It's different this year... I feel stronger now than I did anytime last year. Much better physical spot, mental spot."

He struck out five, including a backdoor slider on the corner to catch Christian Bethancourt looking to end the third, another backdoor slider to get Yu Chang

looking in the fifth, and a 94-mph heater through the bat of Brett Phillips for his final strikeout.

Sale was still touching 97 mph in his final inning and told reporters in Tampa he felt he had more in the tank.

Injury updates: The Red Sox look like they dodged a bullet with both Trevor Story and Matt Strahm.

Story and Strahm left Tuesday night's loss against the Rays with injuries, but X-rays on Wednesday for both players came back negative. Story suffered a right hand contusion after being hit by a pitch in the fifth inning, while Strahm suffered a left wrist contusion after getting hit by a come-backer in the sixth.

The team hopes neither will need a stint on the injured list. Story was out of Wednesday's lineup and Red Sox manager Alex Cora said on WEEI's "Merloni, Fauria & Mego" that the second baseman will probably be out Thursday before hopefully being available for Friday's opener against the Yankees.

METS 7, BRAVES 3

Lindor leads HR barrage over Morton, Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Francisco Lindor led New York's home-run barrage with a three-run shot, Chris Bassitt threw six strong innings and the Mets beat the Atlanta Braves 7-3 on Wednesday.

The NL East-leading Mets won two of three in the series and lead the second-place Braves by 2 ½ games.

Eduardo Escobar and Mark Canha also homered for the Mets.

Eddie Rosario had three hits, including one of Atlanta's three homers — all solo shots.

Bassitt (7-6) improved to 5-2 in eight road starts this season by allowing one run on five hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Atlanta's Charlie Morton (5-4) gave up five runs on six hits, including three homers, and three walks in five-plus innings. The three homers allowed matched his career high.

Escobar's 10th homer carried 426 feet above the Chop House restaurant in the right field stands,



The Mets' Mark Canha celebrates with Francisco Lindor after hitting a home run in the sixth inning against the Braves on Wednesday in Atlanta.

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

giving the Mets a 1-0 lead in the second.

New York pushed the lead to 4-0 in the third on Lindor's three-run homer, his 16th, also to right field. Lindor's blast followed Morton's walk to Tomás Nido and a single by Brandon Nimmo.

Canha opened the sixth by lining his seventh homer over the left field wall.

The Braves had baserunners in

each of Bassitt's six innings, but the right-hander had answers for every challenge in the first five. The Braves had runners on second and third with two outs in the fourth, but Adam Duvall's grounder to Lindor at shortstop ended the threat.

Bassitt threw five scoreless innings before Matt Olson led off the sixth with his 15th homer. Austin Riley added his 25th homer

off Drew Smith in the eighth. Rosario led off the ninth with a homer off Tommy Hunter.

Robinson Canó, making his second start at second base since he was acquired by Atlanta for \$1 in a minor league deal with San Diego, had one hit, a seventh-inning single.

Morton allowed three homers for the third time in his career and the first time since April 14, 2010 with Pittsburgh at San Francisco. He walked at least three batters for the ninth time in 18 games started this season.

Luis Guillorme delivered a run-scoring double in the seventh as he hit cleanup for the first time in his career. Manager Buck Showalter sought a new way to build a lineup without Jeff McNeil (paternity list), Catcher James McCann (left oblique strain) and Starling Marte (groin tightness). Guillorme has two homers this season and four over 242 career games.

"It's kind of where we are with some of our guys who aren't here," Showalter said. "I'm just trying to be constructive for our players."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	61	26	.701	—	—	5-5	L-3	34-10	27-16
Tampa Bay	47	40	.540	14	+1 ½	6-4	W-2	27-17	20-23
Boston	47	41	.534	14 ½	+1	4-6	L-2	23-20	24-21
Toronto	46	42	.523	15 ½	—	2-8	W-1	26-18	20-24
Baltimore	44	44	.500	17 ½	2	9-1	W-9	25-17	19-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	49	41	.544	—	—	5-5	W-1	26-19	23-22
Cleveland	43	43	.500	4	2	3-7	L-1	22-18	21-25
Chicago	42	45	.483	5 ½	3 ½	4-6	W-1	19-25	23-20
Detroit	37	52	.416	11 ½	9 ½	5-5	L-1	23-24	14-28
Kansas City	35	53	.398	13	11	6-4	W-1	19-27	16-26

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	57	29	.663	—	—	8-2	W-2	27-12	30-17
Seattle	46	42	.523	12	—	9-1	W-9	24-20	22-22
Texas	40	45	.471	16 ½	4 ½	4-6	L-1	20-22	20-23
Los Angeles	38	50	.432	20	8	1-9	L-5	21-24	17-26
Oakland	30	59	.337	28 ½	16 ½	4-6	W-1	11-31	19-28

BOX SCORES

GAME 1: SEATTLE 6, WASHINGTON 4

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	1	1	0	0	.266
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.302
Santana dh	3	1	0	0	2	.225
Suarez 3b	4	1	1	3	3	.242
Winker lf	4	1	1	1	2	.226
Raleigh c	4	1	1	1	1	.200
Frazier rf	4	1	2	1	0	.225
Moore cf	4	0	2	0	2	.197
Toro 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.177
TOTALS	34	6	8	6	11	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia ss	4	1	2	1	0	.303
Bell 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.302
Soto rf	2	1	1	3	0	.245
Cruz dh	5	0	1	0	0	.240
Hernandez lf	4	0	0	0	2	.270
Hernandez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.241
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	.259
Franco 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.234
a-Adrianza ph	1	0	0	0	0	.220
Thomas cf	4	1	2	0	0	.225
TOTALS	35	4	10	4	3	

a-flieed out for Franco in the 9th.
LB: Seattle 4, Washington 9.

2B: Moore (5), Ruiz (17), Cruz (13).
HR: Suarez (16), off Gray; Winker (7), off Gray; Frazier (3), off Gray; Raleigh (12), off Abbott; Soto (18), off Murfee.
RBIs: Suarez 3(47), Winker (34), Frazier (22), Raleigh (32), Garcia (15), Soto 3 (40). **SF:** Garcia.

Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 2 (France, Crawford); Washington 5 (Cruz 2, Thomas 2, Soto).

RISP: Seattle 1for 6; Washington 2for 8.

Runners moved up: France, Toro, Bell.

GIDP: Crawford, DP: Washington 1 (Garcia, Hernandez, Bell).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Flexen, W, 6-8	6	6	1	1	2	1	3.84
Borucki	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	5.09
Munoz	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.09
Murfee	⅔	3	3	3	0	1	2.80
Sewald, S, 11-13	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	2.41
WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, L, 7-6	5	6	5	5	3	7	4.40
Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Thompson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Abbott	2	2	1	1	0	3	3.00
Pitches-Strikes: Flexen 85-55; Borucki 10-3; Muñoz 13-9; Murfee 20-15; Sewald 4-3; Gray 97-57; Harvey 8-7; Thompson 7-3; Abbott 35-22.							
Inherited runners-scored: Munoz 1-0.							
IBB: off Flexen (Soto). HBP: Flexen (Franco). Umpires: Home, Brian O’Nora; First, Jeremy Reynolds; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Stu Scheuwater. Time: 2:53. A: 16,260(41,339).							

LATE TUESDAY/GAME 2: CHI. WHITE SOX 7, CLEVELAND 0

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	1	0	2	.311
Vaughn rf	4	2	1	0	0	.291
Engel rf	1	1	1	0	0	.234
c-Bobert cf	4	1	3	3	1	.290
Abreu 1b	5	1	2	0	0	.297
Jimenez dh	5	0	0	0	1	.206
Pollock lf	4	0	0	0	1	.243
Harrison 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.231
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.208
Zavala c	2	1	0	0	1	.313
TOTALS	37	7	9	6	9	
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf-cf	4	0	2	0	1	.285
Jimenez ss	5	0	0	0	3	.293
Ramirez dh	5	0	2	0	1	.281
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.234
Royce rf-lf	5	1	2	0	0	.229
Miller 2b	3	0	0	1	0	.245
Call cf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Jones ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.412
Maile c	3	0	0	0	3	.174
b-Rosario ph	1	0	1	0	0	.283
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	.157
Clement 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.213
TOTALS	35	0	8	0	14	

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Cleveland 000 000 000 — 0 8 1

a-struck out for Call in the 8th. b-singled for Maile in the 8th. **E:** Clement (4). **LB:** Chicago 7, Cleveland 12.

2B: Ramirez (30).
HR: Abreu (11), off Pilkington; Harrison (3), off Pilkington; Robert (11), off Shaw. **RBIs:** Abreu 2 (42), Harrison (14), Robert 3 (49).

Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 1 (Harrison); Cleveland 5 (Ramirez, Clement 2, Maile 2).

RISP: Chicago 1for 5; Cleveland 1for 9.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cease, W, 8-4	5 ⅔	5	0	0	3	9	2.30
Lopez, H, 3	1 ⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.90
Graveman	1	2	0	0	1	2	2.33
Foster	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.75

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pilkington, L, 1-2	5	6	4	3	1	3	4.24
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.18
Karinchak	2	0	0	1	3	5	2.40
Shaw	1	3	3	3	1	1	5.52

Pitches-Strikes: Cease 106-64; López 18-12; Graveman 24-16; Foster 11-8; Pilkington 90-56; Sandlin 14-10; Karin-chak 32-20; Shaw 31-19.

Inherited runners-scored: Lopez 3-0.

HBP: Pilkington (Zavala). **WP:** Cease.

Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Tripp Gibson; Second, Jim Reynolds; Third, Dan Merzel.

Time: 3:15. **A:** 11,750(34,788).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING AVG	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min	80	292	51	101	.346
Devers Bos	81	328	59	107	.326
Benintendi KC	86	318	36	100	.314
J.Martinez Bos	76	300	50	94	.313
Kirk Tor	78	247	41	77	.312
Bogaerts Bos	84	312	51	97	.311
Alvarez Hou	75	268	57	82	.306
Gurriel Jr Tor	79	285	35	87	.305
Y.Diaz TB	79	267	39	81	.303
France Sea	75	295	32	89	.302

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 30; Alvarez, Houston, 26; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Buxton, Minnesota, 23; Stanton, New York, 22; Rizzo, New York, 22; Seager, Texas, 21.

Runs Batted In: J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 68; Judge, New York, 65; Alvarez, Houston, 60; Tucker, Houston, 60; Story, Boston, 58; Stanton, New York, 56; Rizzo, New York, 56; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 54; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 54.

Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 11-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-3; Tallion, New York, 9-2; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 9-3; Manohao, Toronto, 9-4; Cole, New York, 8-2; Uriguidy, Houston, 8-3; Cimber, Toronto, 8-3.

N.Y. METS 7, ATLANTA 3

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	2	2	0	2	.269
Lindor ss	5	2	1	3	0	.244
Alonso 1b	5	0	1	0	3	.268
Hunter p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Guillorme 2b	4	0	1	1	1	.308
Canha lf	4	1	1	1	3	.273
Inciarte lf	0	0	0	1	0	.125
Do-Smith dh-1b3	0	0	0	0	1	.198
Escobar 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.217
Jankowski rf	3	0	0	0	0	.176
Nido c	3	1	1	0	0	.211
TOTALS	36	7	8	6	10	
Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	3	0	1	0	1	.275
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	2	.294
Olson 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.251
Riley 3b	4	1	2	1	1	.284
Contreras c	4	0	0	1	1	.265
Rosario dh	4	1	3	1	1	.149
Duvall lf	4	0	0	0	2	.204
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.173
Harris II cf	3	0	0	0	3	.283
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	13	

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E: Olson (6). **LOB:** New York 5, Atlanta 6.
2B: Guillorme (9), Rosario (2).
HR: Escobar (10), off Morton; Lindor (16), off Morton; Canha (7), off Morton; Olson (15), off Bassitt; Riley (25), off Dr.Smith; Rosario (2), off Hunter.
RBIs: Escobar (38), Lindor 3(64), Canha (31), Guillorme (10), Olson (52), Riley (58), Rosario (3). **SB:** Acuna Jr. (18). **CS:** Acuna Jr. (6).

Runners left in scoring position: New York 3 (Do-Smith, Nido, Nimmo); Atlanta 4 (Duvall 3, Swanson).

RISP: New York 2for 7; Atlanta 0for 3.

Runners moved up: Jankowski.

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt, W, 7-6	6	5	1	1	2	6	3.79
Dr.Smith	2	2	1	1	0	5	3.05
Hunter p	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.00
ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton, L, 5-4	5	6	5	5	3	6	4.45
Chavez	2	2	2	1	0	2	2.97
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	0	.348
Stephens	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.03
Pitches-Strikes: Bassitt 99-66; Dr.Smith 30-22; Hunter 10-8; Morton 107-62; Chavez 38-28; Jansen 9-6; Stephens 14-10.							
Batters Faced: Bassitt 24; Dr.Smith 8; Hunter 4; Morton 24; Chavez 9; Jansen 3; Stephens 3.							
Inherited runners-scored: Chavez 1-0.							
Umpires: Home, Bill Welke; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Andy Fletcher.							
Time: 3:05. A: 34,879(41,084).							

LATE TUESDAY: TORONTO 4, PHILADELPHIA 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	1	.216
Hoskins 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.252
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	1	2	.251
Hall dh	4	0	0	0	3	.260
Gregorius ss	4	0	0	1	0	.241
Stott 2b	4	2	2	1	1	.184
Vierling 3b	4	0	1	0	3	.242
Herrera cf	4	0	1	1	0	.240
Stubbs c	3	1	1	0	0	.281
TOTALS	35	3	7	3	14	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer cf-rf	4	1	1	0	1	.250
Bichette ss	3	1	1	0	1	.260
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	1	0	3	.266
Kirk dh	4	1	2	0	2	.312
Hernandez rf	4	0	2	2	1	.263
Zimmer cf	0	0	0	0	0	.113
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	4	1	0	.305
Chapman 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.220
Espinal 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.271
Jansen c	3	0	1	0	0	.237
TOTALS	33	4	14	4	9	

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E: Guerrero Jr. (4). **LOB:** Philadelphia 5, Toronto 7, 2B: Hernandez (16), Gurriel Jr. 2 (23), Chapman (15). **HR:** Stott (5), off Berrios. **RBIs:** Herrera (19), Stott (23), Castellanos (46), Hernandez 2 (35), Chapman (41), Gurriel Jr. (36), SB: Springer (9), Stubbs (2). **CS:** Bichette (6).

Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 1 (Stubbs); Toronto 4 (Hernandez, Jansen 2, Espinal). **RISP:** Philadelphia 2 for 4; Toronto 3 for 9. **LIDP:** Bichette, Espinal.

GIDP: Chapman. **DP:** Philadelphia 4 (Stott, Hoskins; Stubbs, Stott, Stubbs; Hoskins; Hoskins).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB</
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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Latest honor leaves Woods ‘humbled’



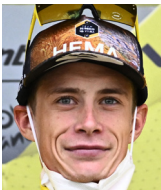
Already a two-time winner at St. Andrews, Tiger Woods picked up another honor before he even struck a shot in the 150th edition of the British Open. He’s now an honorary member of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The R&A conferred honorary membership to Open champions Woods, Rory McIlroy and Paul Lawrie. It’s not like Woods needs any help getting a tee time on the Old Course, or even gaining entry into the famous clubhouse. But it’s a nice honor. “It is not only the home of golf but a place in this world that I hold near my heart,” Woods said in a statement. “I am humbled to accept this invitation alongside these outstanding players today, as well as those who came before us.” Woods won in 2000 and 2005 at St. Andrews, and then at Royal Liverpool in 2006. The next time at Royal Liverpool, in 2014, was McIlroy’s turn, winning wire-to-wire for the third leg of the career Grand Slam. Lawrie won in historic and memorable fashion at Carnoustie in 1999, a 10-shot comeback against Jean Van de Velde and winning in a playoff.

Jazz open to trading All-Star Mitchell



After already trading Rudy Gobert to the Timberwolves, the Jazz are reportedly willing to at least listen to offers for Donovan Mitchell. According to an ESPN report on Tuesday night, the Jazz and new boss Danny Ainge are open to overtures. The Athletic reported that the Knicks likely will be an aggressive suitor. Mitchell, a 25-year-old guard, averaged 25.9 points, 5.3 assists and 4.2 rebounds per game last season, his fifth with the Jazz. He’s been an All-Star each of the last three seasons. Mitchell has four years and \$134.9 million remaining on the maximum contract extension he signed during the 2020 offseason, but the final year is a player option for \$37.1 million. The Jazz recently traded Gobert to the Timberwolves for Malik Beasley, Patrick Beverley, Walker Kessler, Jarred Vanderbilt and multiple first-round picks. The Jazz hired Celtics assistant Will Hardy, 34, as their new head coach earlier this month after mutually parting ways with Quin Snyder. The team made the playoffs in six of Snyder’s eight seasons but never made it past the second round.

Vingegaard seizes Tour lead in Alps



The first big mountain stage shook things up at the Tour de France as defending champion Tadej Pogacar wilted toward the end of Wednesday’s 11th stage and lost the yellow jersey. Jonas Vingegaard and his team Jumbo-Visma were the big winners on the stage as the Danish rider claimed the leader’s jersey from Pogacar, the two-time defending champion who had been the dominant rider so far but cracked in the final ascent on Wednesday and fell more than 2 minutes behind. Vingegaard and his teammates put on an impressive collective display throughout the day, with clever tactics early in the race and multiple attacks that ultimately unsettled Pogacar. Vingegaard moved away from Pogacar in the brutal climb to the top of the Col du Granon to enjoy a winning finish to an epic day in the Alps. The 94.5-mile stage featured two other monster ascents, the daunting Col du Telegraphe and Col du Galibier. It was Vingegaard’s first stage win at cycling’s biggest race. The Danish rider was runner-up last year in the general classification behind Pogacar. —News services



Xander Schauffele putts on the first hole during a practice round Wednesday for this week’s British Open at St. Andrews. ROSS KINNAIRD/GETTY

BRITISH OPEN PREVIEW

Model of a modern major?

Old Course at St. Andrews ‘still stands the test of time’

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tiger Woods is among the few who can appreciate how the Old Course played in the old days. His first time playing St. Andrews for the British Open as a pro was in 2000, and on his final day of practice, Woods ripped a driver in relatively benign conditions to the front of green on the 352-yard ninth hole. Then, swing coach Butch Harmon pulled out a replica of the gutta-percha golf ball from more than a century ago. Woods ripped another driver and then a 5-iron just over the back. Such is the mystique of St. Andrews, particularly the Old Course. This is the 150th edition of the Open, and it’s been 149 years since it was first held at the home of golf. Yes, the course has changed over the years. And yes, the evolution of the game has led to scores getting lower with each generation, just as times have come down on the track and in the pool. But it’s still the Old Course. “Even with advancements in technology, this golf course still stands the test of time,” Woods said. “It’s still very difficult, and it’s obviously weather dependent. You get winds like we did today, it’s a hell of a test.” This was on Tuesday, the strongest wind of the week. Woods hit 6-iron for his second shot on the 386-yard 10th hole. He was 120 yards out into the wind. With a different wind, perhaps even no wind, he can still get driver around the green. Amid so much celebration of history this week at St. Andrews, there are rumblings that the Old Course could be exposed as

being obsolete. It already uses parts of three other courses to stretch it out to 7,313 yards. And while it’s a par 72 with only two par 5s, at least four of the par 4s might be reachable. And the fearsome wind, which along with the bunkers is the great defense of the Old Course, is forecast to be a little more than a wee breeze. Rory McIlroy still rues a 3-foot birdie putt he missed on the 17th hole in the opening round in 2010. He had to settle for a 63. And then the wind arrived, and he shot 80. Jordan Spieth, who missed the playoff by one shot in 2015 in his St. Andrews debut, raised concerns last week when he said the British Open could be little more than a “wedge contest” if the wind goes on holiday. The reason it stands up to the modern game? “Because of the weather,” he said. But then he quickly added, “I don’t think it stands the test of time if it’s benign.” He thought back to the last time, in 2015, when Zach Johnson won the three-man playoff after they finished at 15-under. That was a Monday finish because of wind delays. “If the conditions are calm for four days — which I don’t think happens over here — I think that with today’s technology, it becomes a shootout.” It’s not all about power. Spieth says wind or not, there are certain spots to which players can hit because of subtle turns, pot bunkers, even a few gorse bushes depending on the line. Getting there is easier without wind. The next shot is easier. Scores get lower. But then there’s Scottie Scheffler, who’s contemplating hitting left toward the sixth fairway when he’s playing the 13th just to avoid the bunkers. The No. 1 player in the world can join some elite company. Winning at Augusta National and St. Andrews is special. The list includes Woods and Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo and

Seve Ballesteros, and most recently Johnson. Scheffler is spending more time on the course than on the range, discovering countless options on how to play shots. “When you get a little bit of wind, all bets are off,” he said. And without wind? The record score in a major is 62 by Branden Grace at Royal Birkdale in 2017. Martin Slumbers, the R&A chief, isn’t the least bit worried about scoring. He cares only about getting the Old Course as perfect as possible, and it’s close to that. The links are so firm and bouncy that the ball moves faster on the fairways than on the greens. “The second bit is luck, and luck with Mother Nature,” he said. Even with moderate wind, he’s confident the Old Course can handle the best. He wasn’t bothered when someone raised the notion of a 59, which is 13-under par. “There’s 7,300 yards. It’s got greens running at 10 ½ to 11 (on the Stimpmeter). It’s got fairways where the ball is bouncing 50 yards if it’s hit and more if it catches the downslope. If someone shoots that, I will be the first person to shake their hand because they’ve played outstanding golf.”

150TH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: St. Andrews (Old Course).
Playoff (if necessary): 3 holes, aggregate.
Prize money: \$14 million.
Winner’s share: \$2.5 million.
Defending champion: Collin Morikawa (at Royal St. George’s).
Last winner at St. Andrews: Zach Johnson (2015).
Television: Thursday-Friday, 1:30 a.m. to 4 a.m. (Peacock), 4 a.m. to 3 p.m. (USA), 3-4 p.m. (Peacock); Saturday, 5-7 a.m. (USA), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (NBC); Sunday, 4-7 a.m. (USA), 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (NBC).

BRITISH OPEN

R&A chief: LIV series about money

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — R&A chief Martin Slumbers tore into the Saudi-funded LIV Golf series on Wednesday as a money grab that threatens the game’s merit-based culture that has been cultivated over centuries. He threatened to change the British Open criteria that would make it more difficult for some players to gain entry to golf’s oldest championship. “Professional golfers are entitled to choose where they want to play and to accept the prize money that’s offered to them. I have absolutely no issue with that at all,” Slumbers said at his annual news conference ahead of the Open. “But there is no such thing as a free lunch.” He said two LIV Golf events held outside London and Portland, Oregon, were not in the best long-term interests of golf and were “entirely driven by money.” Those 54-hole events with no cut offered \$25 million in prize money to 48 players. Many of them were given signing fees, reportedly \$150 million or more, for the bigger names. “We believe it undermines the merit-based culture and spirit of open competition that makes golf so special,” Slumbers said. He spoke two days after The Wall Street Journal reported that the dispute between LIV Golf and the PGA Tour had the attention of the U.S. Justice Department’s antitrust division. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has suspended players for competing without a release; some of them, such as Dustin Johnson and Sergio Garcia, decided to resign their memberships. The European tour fined its players who joined 100,000 pounds and banned them from certain tournaments. Four players appealed to a judge and were given a temporary stay from being suspended, allowing them to compete in the Scottish Open.

USGA CEO Mike Whan said last month he could foresee a day when players who joined LIV Golf would have a harder time getting into the U.S. Open. That was as far as he went because it was in the early stages of LIV’s series and he found no need to rush to a decision. Slumbers said the R&A had no intention of banning any players. That presumably would include Open champions whose exemptions end at age 60. “But what is on our agenda is that we will review our exemptions and qualifications criteria for The Open,” Slumbers said. “And whilst we do that every year, we absolutely reserve the right to make changes as our Open Championships Committee deems appropriate. Players have to earn their place in The Open, and that is fundamental to its ethos and its unique global appeal.” The U.S. Open and British Open didn’t keep out any players suspended by their tours because of the “open” nature of their championships. Even if LIV Golf players are excluded from exemptions, they would be able to attempt 36-hole qualifying. Augusta National has yet to say how criteria for the Masters might change. The club is closed for the summer and does not open until October to its members. Masters champions typically have a lifetime exemption, and five of them dating to 2010 — Phil Mickelson, Charl Schwartzel, Garcia, Patrick Reed and Johnson — are now part of the Saudi-backed series. All the majors rely on world ranking to determine who is exempt. Slumbers, Whan, Monahan and European tour chief Keith Pelley are among the eight-member Official World Golf Ranking board. It met Tuesday and acknowledged receiving an application from LIV Golf to be part of the ranking system. That process typically takes one to two years for approval. By then, most of the LIV players will be out of the top 50 in the world.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	6	33	30	21
Philadelphia	8	2	9	33	29	13
New York City FC	9	4	5	32	37	13
CF Montréal	9	8	2	29	33	35
Orlando City	8	7	4	28	24	28
Charlotte FC	8	10	2	26	23	24
Cincinnati	7	7	5	26	30	33
Columbus	6	5	7	25	23	20
New England	6	6	7	25	31	32
Inter Miami CF	6	8	4	22	18	27
Atlanta	5	8	5	20	26	29
Toronto FC	5	10	4	19	26	36
D.C. United	5	10	2	17	23	37
Chicago	4	10	5	17	18	27
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Austin FC	12	4	4	40	41	23
Los Angeles FC	12	4	3	39	38	21
Real Salt Lake	8	5	6	30	24	24
FC Dallas	8	5	7	28	30	23
LA Galaxy	8	7	3	27	26	22
Minnesota United	8	8	3	27	26	24
Nashville	7	6	6	27	25	25
Seattle	8	8	2	26	26	22
Portland	6	6	8	26	32	29
Vancouver	7	9	3	24	20	31
Houston	6	10	4	22	25	28
Colorado	5	8	5	20	21	26
Sporting KC	5	11	4	19	18	34
San Jose	4	7	7	19	28	37

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Real Salt Lake at Atlanta, late
Toronto FC at Chicago, late
Vancouver at Cincinnati, late
Columbus at D.C. United, late
Philadelphia at Miami, late
Sporting KC at Minnesota, late
Seattle at Nashville, late
Orlando City at Colorado, late
New York City FC at FC Dallas, late
San Jose at LA Galaxy, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8p.m.
Charlotte FC at Miami, 8p.m.
D.C. United at Minnesota, 8p.m.
LA Galaxy at Colorado, 9p.m.
Austin FC at FC Dallas, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando City at Atlanta, 3p.m.
N.Y. City FC at N.Y. Red Bulls, 5p.m.
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 9:30p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23
Miami at New York City FC, 7p.m.
Nashville at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
New England at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at D.C. United, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 10p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULT
Austin FC 3, Houston 1

U.S. OPEN CUP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	3	21	19	11
Chicago	5	1	5	20	19	12
Portland	4	1	6	18	24	10
OL Reign	4	2	5	17	11	8
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Houston	4	4	3	15	16	13
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	11	14
Gotham FC	4	5	0	12	7	13
Orlando	3	5	3	12	26	12
Louisville	2	5	4	10	13	18
Washington	1	5	6	9	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City FC at North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Gotham FC at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Washington, 5p.m.
OL Reign at Kansas City, 7p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (9-0-1)
s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0
v-July 17: U.S. 5, Jamaica 0
v-July 11: U.S. 1, Mexico 0
v-Tuesday: vs. Costa Rica, 7 p.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup
v-CONCACAF W Championship

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE
Wednesday's 11th Stage, a 151.7-km (94-mile) Abertville—Col Du Granon
Serre Chevalier
STAGE 11 RESULTS*-time behind leader
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 4:18:02
2. Nairo Quintana, Colombia :59*
3. Romain Bardet, France 1:10*
4. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 1:38*
5. David Gaudu, France 2:04*
6. Adam Yates, Great Britain 2:10*
7. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:51*
8. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan 3:38*
9. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands 3:59*
10. Warren Barguil, France 4:16*
Also
19. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 11:31*
31. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 24:45*
34. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 25:54*
36. Neilson Powless, U.S. 26:44*
44. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 27:16*
89. Quinn Simmonds, U.S. 30:37*

OVERALL STANDINGS
1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 4:29:59
2. Romain Bardet, France 2:16*
3. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:22*
4. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 2:26*
5. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 2:37*
6. Adam Yates, Great Britain 3:06*
7. David Gaudu, France 3:13*
8. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia 7:23*
9. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan 8:07*
10. Enric Mas, Spain 9:29*
Also
18. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 24:52*
20. Neilson Powless, U.S. 28:10*
24. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 31:52*
34. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 46:09*
67. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 1:14:25*
YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 41:32:21
2. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 8:50*
3. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 29:30*
4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 43:47*
5. Andreas Leknessund, Norway 48:20*
6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg 58:11*
7. Geo. Zimmerman, Germany 1:02:16*
8. Michael Storer, Australia 1:03:07*
9. Fred Wright, Great Britain 1:12:09*
10. Matias Louvel, France 1:19:23*
Also
12. Quinn Simmonds, U.S. 1:32:36*
MOUNTAIN STANDINGS
PTS
1. Simonon Geschke, Germany 43
2. Pierre Latour, France 35
3. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 30
4. Warren Barguil, France 30
5. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 18
6. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg 18
7. Wout van Aert, Belgium 17
8. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 15
9. Thibaut Pinot, France 14
10. Romain Bardet, France 12

UPCOMING STAGES
Thursday, Stage 12: Braincon—Alpe d'Huez, mountain, 165.1 (102)
Friday, Stage 13: Le Bourg D'Oisans—Saint-Etienne, flat, 192.6 (119)
Saturday Stage 14: Saint-Etienne—Mende, hilly, 192.5 (119)

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	6	.739	—
Connecticut	15	8	.652	2
Washington	15	10	.600	3
Atlanta	10	13	.435	7
New York	9	14	.391	8
Indiana	5	20	.200	13
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	16	7	.696	—
Seattle	16	8	.667	½
Los Angeles	10	13	.435	6
Dallas	10	13	.435	6
Phoenix	10	15	.400	7
Minnesota	9	15	.375	7½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Connecticut 89, Indiana 81

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at New York, 11a.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Indiana, 7p.m.
Connecticut at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME
Chicago at Dallas, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Connecticut, 1p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 3p.m.
Atlantat at Phoenix, 6p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 6p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 83, Dallas 74
Las Vegas 107, New York 101
Chicago 90, Atlanta 75
Minnesota 118, Phoenix 107 (2OT)
Washington 94, Los Angeles 81

SEASON THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE				
TEAM	GP	3P	3PA	3P%
Chicago	23	174	472	36.9
Las Vegas	23	215	590	36.4
Seattle	24	220	614	35.8
New York	23	230	655	35.1
Dallas	23	194	559	34.7
Indiana	25	174	502	34.7
Atlanta	23	172	497	34.6
Washington	25	202	584	34.6
Minnesota	24	167	488	34.2
Los Angeles	23	129	378	34.1
Connecticut	23	142	418	34.0
Phoenix	25	219	679	32.3

PLAYER	TM	GP	3P	3PA	3P%
Moriah Jefferson	Min	19	26	51	51.0
Jackie Young	LVA	21	31	67	46.3
Lexie Brown	LA	23	42	92	45.7
Marine Johannes	NY	11	29	66	43.9
Destanni Henderson	Ind	25	20	46	43.5
Kelsey Mitchell	Ind	25	61	142	43.0
K.L. Samuelson	LA	19	37	88	42.0
Elena Delle Donne	Was	16	26	62	41.9
Kelsey Plum	LAV	23	74	178	41.6
Allisha Gray	Dal	20	41	100	41.0
Sophie Cunningham	Phx	17	38	93	40.9
Sue Bird	Sea	19	40	99	40.4

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

NBA 2K23 SUMMER LEAGUE
Thomas & Mack, Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas Tuesday, July 11
Chicago 93, Toronto 83
Memphis 120, Brooklyn 84
Atlanta 95, Miami 88
Boston 103, Golden State 92
Indiana 101, Detroit 87
Phoenix 105, Dallas 78
L.A. Lakers 83, L.A. Clippers 72

Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 87, Minnesota 75
Charlotte 91, Cleveland 80
New Orleans 106, Washington 88
Toronto 80, Utah 74
Sacramento vs. Oklahoma City, late
Miami vs. Philadelphia, late
Denver vs. L.A. Clippers, late

Thursday's games
Memphis vs. Boston, 3:30p.m.
Atlanta vs. San Antonio, 4p.m.
Cleveland vs. Detroit, 5:30p.m.
Chicago vs. Charlotte, 6p.m.
New York vs. Orlando, 7:30p.m.
Dallas vs. Milwaukee, 8p.m.
Portland vs. Houston, 9:30p.m.
Brooklyn vs. Minnesota, 10p.m.

TENNIS

ATP HALL OF FAME OPEN
At International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, R.I., outdoors-grass
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Felix Auger-Aliassime leads Jason Murray Kubler, 6-4, 3-6, 6-5(susp.)
#2 John Isner d. Peter Gajowicz, 6-3, 7-6(6).
#3 Alexander Bublik d. Jack Sock, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
#4 Maxime Cressy d. Mitchell Krueger, 6-3, 6-4.
#5 Benjamin Bonzi d. Christopher Eubanks, 6-4, 7-6(5).
#6 Andy Murray d. Max Purcell, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Steve Johnson d. #7 Jiri Vesely, walkover.
#8 James Duckworth d. Quentin Halys, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

ATP NORDEA OPEN
At Bastad Tennis Stadium, Bastad, Sweden, outdoors-Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Francisco Cerundolo d. #1 Casper Ruud, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
#3 Diego Schwartzman d. Elias Ymer, 7-5, 6-3.
#5 Pablo Carreno Busta d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 4-6, 7-6(5), 7-5.
Aslan Karatsev d. Hugo Gaston, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX
At Europe Tennis Center, Budapest, Hungary, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 Martina Trevisan d. Katerina Baindl, 6-4, 7-5.
Bernarda Pera d.
#5 Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 7-5, 6-2.
#9 Anna Bondar d.
Despina Papamichail, 6-2, 6-3.
Lesia Tsurenko d. Kamilla Rakhimova, 6-7(1), 6-4, 7-5.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Wang Xiyu d. #1 Barbora Krejickova, 6-1, 7-6(1).
Katerina Siniakova d.
#4 Anhelina Kalinina, 6-3, retired.
#6 Zhang Shuai d. Ekaterine Gorgodze, 7-5, 6-1.

WTA LADIES OPEN LAUSANNE
At Stade-Lausanne Tennis Club, Lausanne, Switzerland, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Anastasia Potapova d.
#3 Irina-Camelia Begu, 6-4, 6-2.
#4 Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Clara Burel, 6-4, 6-2.
Simona Waltert d. Cristina Bucsa, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.
Petra Martić d. Erika Andreeva, 6-4, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Leolia Jeanjean d. Tatjana Maria, walkover.

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE	THURSDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG LINE
at Miami	-164 Pittsburgh +138
at San Diego	-134 at Colorado +114
Atlanta	-225 at Washington +188
LA Dodgers	-154 at St. Louis +130
at Chi. Cubs	off NY Mets off
Milwaukee	off at San Francisco off
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at Toronto	off Kansas City off
at Cleveland	off Detroit off
at Tampa Bay	off Boston off
at Minnesota	-154 Chi White Sox +130
at Texas	off Seattle off
Houston	-154 at LA Angels +130
INTERLEAGUE	
at NY Yankees	-225 Cincinnati +188

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GOLF

TOP 10 FINISHES PGA TOUR	T10	1	2	3
Matt Fitzpatrick	9	1	1	0
Scottie Scheffler	9	4	3	0
Justin Thomas	9	1	0	3
Sam Burns	8	3	1	0
Patrick Cantlay	8	1	2	1
Will Zalatoris	8	0	3	0
Rory McIlroy	7	2	1	0
Collin Morikawa	7	0	2	0
Keegan Bradley	6	0	1	0
Sungjae Im	6	1	0	0
Hideki Matsuyama	6	2	0	1
Keith Mitchell	6	0	0	1
Jon Rahm	6	1	1	1
Davis Riley	6	0	1	0
Cameron Smith	6	2	0	1
Adam Hadwin	5	0	0	0
Billy Horschel	5	1	2	0
Kevin Kisner	5	0	1	1
Denny McCarthy	5	0	0	1
Seamus Power	5	0	0	1
Xander Schauffele	5	3	0	1
Jordan Spieth	5	1	2	0
Scott Stallings	5	0	0	0
Sahithi Theegala	5	0	1	1
Cameron Tringale	5	0	1	1
Gary Woodland	5	0	0	0
Cameron Young	5	0	3	2
Cam Davis	4	0	0	1
Tommy Fleetwood	4	0	0	0
Lanto Gooch	4	1	0	0
Lanto Griffin	4	0	0	1
Brian Harman	4	0	0	1
Tom Hoge	4	1	1	
Max Homa	4	2	0	0
Viktor Hovland	4	1	1	0
Chris Kirk	4	0	0	0
Shane Lowry	4	0	1	2
Joaquin Niemann	4	1	0	1
J.T. Poston	4	1	1	1
Brendan Steele	4	0	1	0
Aaron Wise	4	0	1	0

PGA CHAMPIONS	T10	1	2	3
Steven Alker	9	3	2	3
Miguel Angel Jiménez	9	2	0	2
Jerry Kelly	7	2	0	1
Bernhard Langer	7	1	1	2
David Toms	7	0	1	2
Stephen Ames	6	0	1	2
Ernie Els	6	0	0	2
Retief Goosen	6	1	0	1
Steve Stricker	6	1	3	0
Paul Broadhurst	5	0	0	0
Brandt Jobe	5	0	1	0
Marco Dawson	4	0	0	1
Paul Goydos	4	0	0	0
Padraig Harrington	4	1	3	0
Thongchai Jaidee	4	1	0	0
Robert Karlsson	4	0	0	0
Rod Pamplin	4	0	0	1
Tim Petrovic	4	0	1	0
Alex Cejka	3	0	1	0
Ken Duke	3	0	0	0
Brian Gay	3	0	0	0
Scott Parel	3	1	0	0
Kirk Triplett	3	0	1	1
Woody Austin	2	0	1	0
Doug Barron	2	0	0	0
David Branshaw	2	0	0	0
K.J. Choi	2	0	1	0
Mark Hensby	2	0	0	1
Lee Janzen	2	0	0	1
Rob Labritz	2	0	0	0
Colin Montgomerie	2	0	0	0
Tom Pernice Jr.	2	0	1	0
Brett Quigley	2	0	0	0
Gene Sauers	2	0	1	0

LPGA TOUR	T10	EV	PCT
Hye-Jin Choi	7	13	54%
Atthaya Thitikul	7	14	50%

WEATHER

THURSDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and warm, chance for a couple showers and a thunderstorm. Northwest wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 88°
LOW 61°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and seasonable with lower humidity levels.

HIGH 86°
LOW 62°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 86°
LOW 66°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and hot, chance for a late day shower or a thunderstorm. Moderately humid.

HIGH 91°
LOW 71°

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a few showers and thunderstorms, humid.

HIGH 89°
LOW 69°

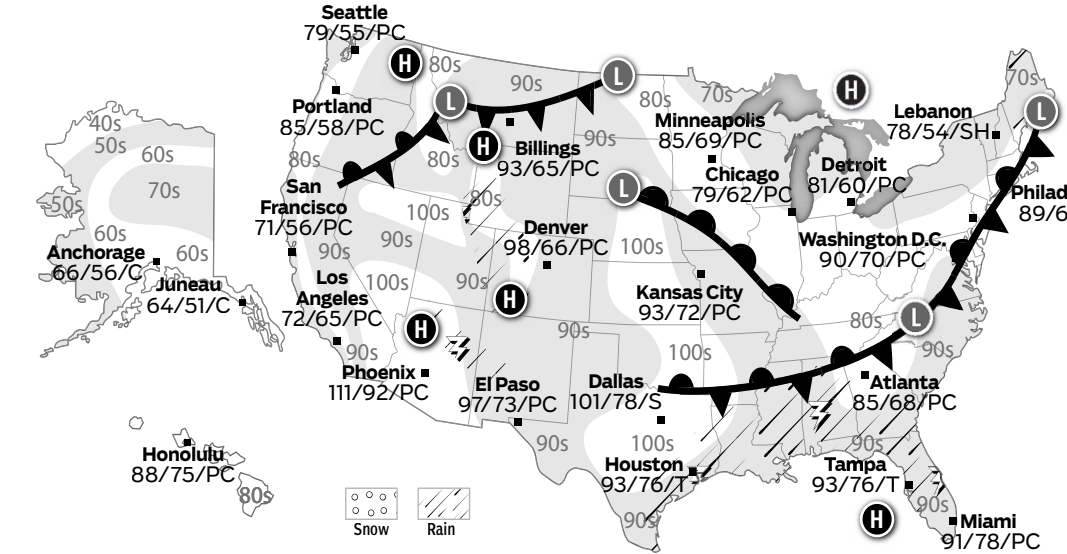
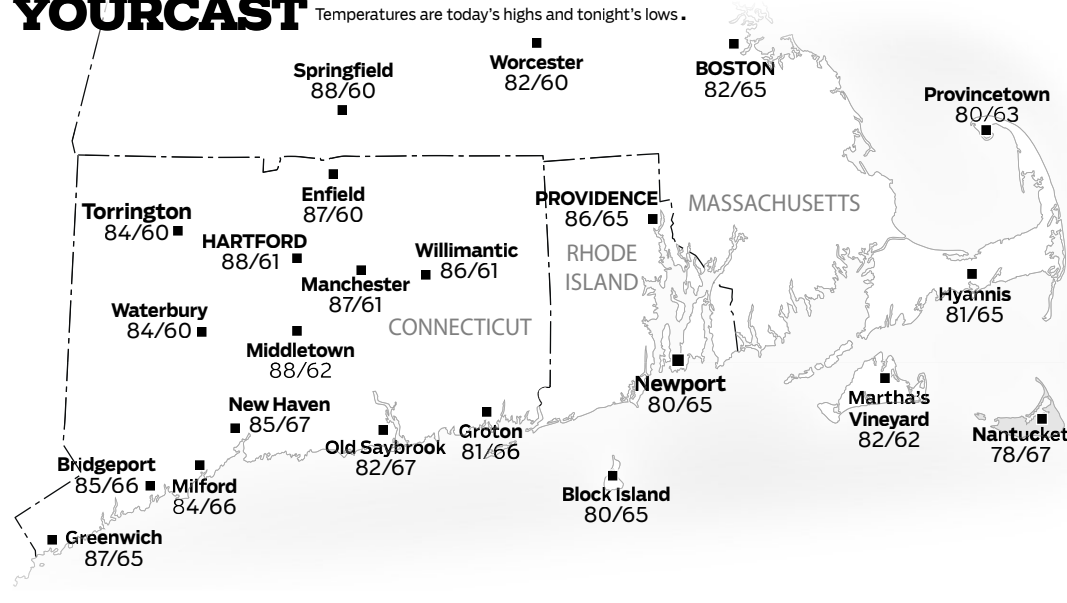
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A stationary front across the region on Thursday will result in a partly sunny sky and warm temperatures with highs in the 80s. Humidity will be moderate with dew points mainly in the low to mid-60s, but it could drop into the upper 50s at times in the afternoon in northern portions of the state. The stationary front could trigger a few afternoon and early evening showers and perhaps a weak thunderstorm, but there is only about a 40 percent chance for precipitation. High pressure will bring a mostly sunny sky and lower humidity on Friday with dew points mainly in the 50s.

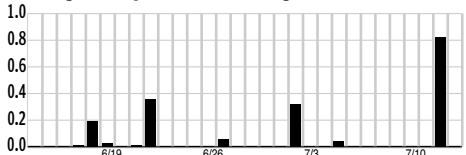
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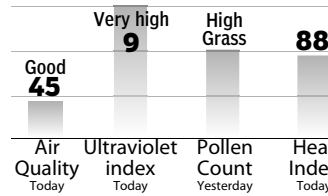
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.82 0.13
Month to date	1.18 1.61
Total this year	21.35 23.78

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

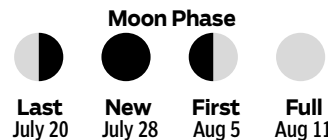
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:28 a.m.	5:29 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.	8:24 p.m.
Moonrise	9:46 p.m.	10:23 p.m.
Moonset	6:03 a.m.	7:24 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:20 a.m. 10:44 p.m.	4:42 a.m. 4:44 p.m.	75°
Saybrook Jetty	11:31 a.m. 11:55 p.m.	5:35 a.m. 5:37 p.m.	75°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:44 a.m. 2:14 p.m.	9:21 a.m. 9:23 p.m.	
Madison	a.m. 12:02 p.m.	5:49 a.m. 6:02 p.m.	76°
New Haven	a.m. 12:22 p.m.	6:13 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	77°
Stamford	a.m. 12:26 p.m.	6:27 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	75°

River Stage at Hartford: 1.95 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	P.L. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	Pcloudy	Pcloudy	Pcloudy
Wind	NE/SW, 5	SE/SW, 5	SW, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	88 at 3:08 p.m.	66 at 5:09 a.m.
Normal for date	86	64
Record for date	99 in 1966	51 in 2009
A year ago	72	66
Range this year	94	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	71 56 SH	Baltimore	88 65 PC	Nashville	90 68 PC	San Juan	88 78 PC	Budapest	94 70 PC
Burlington	70 58 SH	Bismarck	92 64 PC	New Orleans	89 77 T	Tucson	106 84 PC	Lisbon	87 67 PC
Caribou	65 53 SH	Boise	97 68 S	New York	89 70 PC			London	79 57 PC
Concord	80 56 SH	Buffalo	76 57 PC	Oklahoma City	100 75 S			Madrid	106 77 S
Montpelier	68 50 SH	Charleston	91 73 T	Omaha	95 76 S			Mexico City	72 55 SH
Mt. Wash.	48 38 SH	Cincinnati	81 59 PC	Orlando	94 73 T			Milan	95 73 PC
Portland	69 57 SH	Cleveland	76 57 PC	Pittsburgh	78 56 PC			Montreal	74 61 SH
Woods Hole	81 63 PC	Indianapolis	82 64 PC	Raleigh	91 71 PC			Moscow	77 55 PC
		Jacksonville	92 74 PC	St. Louis	92 74 PC			Nassau	86 80 PC
		Las Vegas	110 88 PC	Salt Lake City	100 78 PC			New Delhi	96 83 SH
		Miami Beach	88 81 PC	San Antonio	100 78 PC			Paris	89 60 PC
		Milwaukee	74 59 PC	San Diego	72 67 PC			Prague	82 55 PC
								Rio de Janeiro	78 68 SH
								Rome	89 68 S
								Seoul	86 70 PC
								Singapore	90 79 SH

NATION

Albany	81 59 PC
Albuquerque	92 68 PC
Atlantic City	89 63 S

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

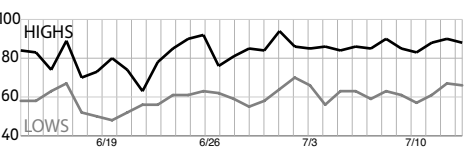
WORLD

Amsterdam	72 53 PC	Athens	90 75 S	Bangkok	87 77 SH	Barbados	83 76 PC	Beijing	98 77 PC	Beirut	83 75 S	Berlin	77 54 PC	Bermuda	83 77 PC
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Kingston	89 73 PC	Stockholm	71 52 PC
Lisbon	87 67 PC	Sydney	60 43 S
London	79 57 PC	Tel Aviv	87 73 S
Madrid	106 77 S	Tokyo	83 71 SH
Mexico City	72 55 SH	Toronto	75 62 S
Milan	95 73 PC	Vancouver	72 58 PC
Montreal	74 61 SH	Warsaw	75 58 PC
Moscow	77 55 PC		
Nassau	86 80 PC		
New Delhi	96 83 SH		
Paris	89 60 PC		
Prague	82 55 PC		
Rio de Janeiro	78 68 SH		
Rome	89 68 S		
Seoul	86 70 PC		
Singapore	90 79 SH		



30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.90 at 11 a.m.	29.77 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	68° at 12 a.m.	58° at 3 p.m.

SUN 89, FEVER 81

Bonner moves up all-time scoring list in win over Indy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jonquel Jones had 20 points and 14 rebounds, DeWanna Bonner added 19 points to move into 12th on the WNBA's career scoring list, and the Connecticut Sun beat the Indiana Fever 89-81 on Wednesday.

Bonner passed Seattle star Lauren Jackson (6,007) on the career scoring list, becoming the 14th player in WNBA history to reach 6,000 points. Lisa Leslie is 11th in career scoring with 6,263 points.

Brionna Jones added 17 points, Natisha Hiedeman had 11 and Court-

ney Williams scored all 10 of her points in the first half for Connecticut (15-8), which has won all four meetings with the Fever this season.

Jonquel Jones had 15 points and 11 rebounds in the first half to help Connecticut build a 41-28 lead. Indiana was just 8-for-30 shooting (26.7%) in the first half. The Fever scored 35 points in the fourth quarter.

Kelsey Mitchell scored 21 points and Victoria Vivians added 17 for Indiana (5-20), which has lost seven straight. Rookie NaLyssa Smith had 12 and 13 rebounds for her seventh double-double.



Connecticut Sun forward DeWanna Bonner moved up to 12th on the WNBA's all-time scoring list. ASHLEY LANDIS/AP

Martin

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still showcased his defensive versatility, guarding bigger players and holding his own.

In Game 2 he shot 4-for-9, added three rebounds and was one of the few Atlanta players with a good shooting percentage (44.4) in the game.

By Tuesday, it looked like Martin had adjusted to the pace. Now, to go along with an average of 11.6 points per game, he's also chipped in 11 rebounds while playing about 23 minutes per game.

The Hawks play in their last summer league game before the playoffs on Thursday against the San Antonio Spurs at 4 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2.



UConn's Tyrese Martin gestures after making a 3-point shot against Villanova in the semifinals of the Big East men's tournament on March 11 in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

NHL NOTES

Bruins deal Haula for Zacha as team works on deals for Bergeron, Krejci

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

The Bruins made some moves on the opening day of NHL free agency Wednesday, just not the ones most fans were anticipating as some big loose ends remain flapping in the breeze.

While their presumptive top two centers Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci remain unsigned, Boston traded Erik Haula to the New Jersey Devils for left wing/center Pavel Zacha shortly before the free-agent frenzy was to begin at noon. General manager Don Sweeney then went about the business of back-filling the club's organizational depth with five separate lower-profile signings.

Bergeron and Krejci represent two pretty big pieces to the puzzle, but Sweeney did not sound terribly concerned that the deals, or at least the one for the captain, would not get done.

"There's no update in terms of finalizing anything," said Sweeney. "As I referenced the other day, I think we're in a really good pace with Patrice, just the timing and working out the details in his contract and allowing him to declare that he's good to go.

"It could be any time frame. We're just working through some of the stuff, letting this day pass. Again, he's the only one who's going to make the final announcement because he has the final say.

"And David Krejci, we've had numerous discussions throughout the day and we're going to try to continue to find some common ground there. It remains positive, but I don't have a clear-cut answer."

The GM said he had not yet exchanged hard numbers with David Pastrnak, who is scheduled to become a free agent next summer.

If for some reason it looked like a deal could not get done with Pastrnak, then Sweeney would have little choice but to move him for assets. That would not be Plan A, of course.

Meanwhile, Sweeney said that not having definitive deals for the two centers didn't hamper him in conducting his business on what can be a frantic day.

"I operated with a clear mind, with an indication that certainly one of them [would get done]," said Sweeney, adding that the addition of the versatile Zacha would at least mitigate the impact if either of the deals for the vets could not get done.

Rangers spend big on center: Vincent Trocheck signed a seven-year, \$39.375 million, contract with the Rangers following Andrew Copp's departure to Detroit for a five-year, \$28.125 deal

Trocheck, 29, has nine seasons of NHL experience, including two-plus years in Carolina, where he had 39 goals and 96 points in 135 games with the Hurricanes. Trocheck is reunited with Rangers coach Gerard Gallant after the two were together in Florida.

"This was one of just a few teams that we really looked at and thought it was a good fit," Trocheck said. "So coming in we knew that New York was probably our No. 1 choice."

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Zone 1	WEST HARTFORD 12, BRISTOL 2
Zone 2	BRANFORD 9, MADISON 2
Zone 3	TRI-COUNTY 7, MIDDLETOWN 6
Zone 6	WILLIMANTIC AT TRI-TOWN, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Zone 1	SIMSBURY AT BRISTOL, LATE
Zone 2	WEST HARTFORD AT MERIDEN, LATE
Zone 3	MADISON 9, BRANFORD 1
Zone 6	GLASTONBURY 20, MIDDLETOWN 4
RCP POST AT EHM, LATE	WINDSOR LOCKS/WINDSOR AT ENFIELD, LATE
EHM AT GLASTONBURY, LATE	SOUTH WINDSOR VS. ELLINGTON, LATE

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Zone 3: Enfield at South Windsor, 5:30 p.m.; Northeast at Windsor Locks/Windsor, 5:45 p.m.; Middletown at Tri-County, 5:45 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Black Sox at Orioles, 6 p.m.
Rock Cats at Rockies, 6 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT

CARDINALS 10, COLTS 1

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Greeners at Colts, 6 p.m.
Graphics at Orioles, 6 p.m.
Phillies at People's, 6 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

19u	ROCKY HILL 14, FARMINGTON 4 (5)
Notes:	Nick Aderhold was 2-for-2 with 2 walks, 4 RBI and Matt Gwara and Jeff Bellevue each had 2 hits, 1 walk for Rocky Hill. Robert Gwara went 3 innings to pick up the win.
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN AT NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC, LATE	
16u	WEST HARTFORD THUNDER AT STAFFORD ROYALS, LATE
NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE	
14u	FARMINGTON AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

19u: Aherm Whalen-Middletown at Plainville Devils, 5:45 p.m.; Southington Hitmen at Copperheads-Torrington, 5:45 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	50	32	.610	—
Hartford	49	33	.598	1
Portland	41	41	.500	9
Reading	37	45	.451	13
New Hampshire	36	46	.439	14
Binghamton	31	51	.378	19
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	47	34	.580	—
Richmond	46	37	.554	2
Akron	44	37	.543	3
Altoona	41	42	.494	7
Bowie	35	47	.427	12.5
Harrisburg	35	47	.427	12.5

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARRISBURG 8, HARTFORD 7
PORTLAND 10, SOMERSET 8

RICHMOND 6, ALTOONA 4
ERIE 4, BINGHAMTON 0
READING 6, NEW HAMPSHIRE 0
AKRON AT BOWIE, PPD.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

BOWIE 6, AKRON 5
RICHMOND 5, ALTOONA 3
HARRISBURG AT HARTFORD, LATE
SOMERSET AT PORTLAND, LATE
BINGHAMTON AT ERIE, LATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE AT READING, LATE

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Somerset at Portland, noon
Akron at Bowie (2), 5:30 p.m.
Richmond at Altoona, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Erie, 6 p.m.
Harrisburg at Hartford, 7 p.m.
New Hampshire at Reading, 7 p.m.

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Standings				
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New York	9	14	.391	8
Indiana	5	20	.200	13
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	16	7	.696	—
Seattle	16	8	.667	0.5
Los Angeles	10	13	.435	6
Dallas	10	13	.435	6
Phoenix	10	15	.400	7
Minnesota	9	15	.375	7.5

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

CONNECTICUT 89, INDIANA 81

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Las Vegas at New York, 11 a.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S CT SUN BOX SCORE

SUN 89, FEVER 81

Bonner	28	7-12	5-5	5	0	2	19
A. Thomas	29	2-6	3-4	5	7	1	7
Jo. Jones	26	7-15	5-6	14	2	3	20
Williams	29	4-10	0-0	3	5	2	10
Hiedeman	27	4-7	0-0	1	2	3	11
Carrington	16	1-7	0-0	4	1	4	2
B. Jones	24	5-7	7-7	3	0	3	17
Ja. Jones	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Clouden	8	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	1
Holmes	6	1-3	0-1	1	0	1	2
TOTALS		31-67	21-24	38	18	20	89
Three-point goals: 6-19, 31.6 (Hiedeman 3-6, Williams 2-3, Jo. Jones 1-5, Bonner 0-1, Holmes 0-1, Carrington 0-3), FG pct.: 46.3, FT pct.: 87.5, Turnovers: 17 (Carrington 4, Jo. Jones 3, Bonner 3, Williams 2, B. Jones 2, A. Thomas, Hiedeman, Ja. Jones, Clouden), Blocks: 5 (Jo. Jones 4, Williams), Steals: 12 (Williams 3, A. Thomas 2, B. Jones 2, Ja. Jones 2, Bonner, Jo. Jones, Hiedeman).							
Indiana	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Vivians	29	8-19	0-0	2	4	3	17
Smith	35	6-12	0-2	13	3	5	12
Egbo	23	4-8	2-4	4	2	3	10
T. Mitchell	26	2-5	4-4	1	0	1	8
K. Mitchell	38	6-14	5-5	2	3	3	22
Engstler	13	0-0	2-2	1	4	3	3
Robinson	24	4-7	2-2	1	3	2	11
Cannon	6	0-0-2	0-0	1	1	1	1
Henderson	5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
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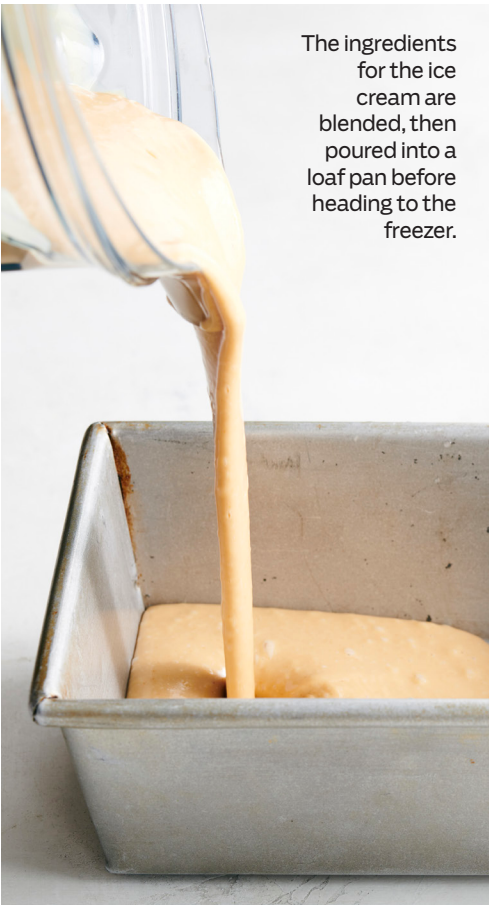


Peanut butter, maple syrup, oat creamer, a dash of salt and vanilla go into the recipe for easy vegan peanut butter-maple ice cream. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

By Melissa Clark
The New York Times

The usual path to homemade vegan ice cream is slicked with dairy-free milk — almond, coconut, cashew, hemp. But there’s another option that gives you an even richer, plusher result: oat creamer. With their inherent starchiness, oats can help thicken and stabilize frozen desserts, keeping ice crystals at bay. Many vegan ice cream recipes call for added starch, like arrowroot powder or cornstarch. But oat creamer, a relative newcomer to the alternative milk market, eliminates this need. Another advantage is oat creamer’s mild, subtle taste. Unlike, say, assertive coconut milk, it lets the flavor of the more important ingredients shine. In this easy, no-churn peanut butter-maple ice cream, the oat creamer and the nut butter are whirled in a blender with maple syrup, a pinch of salt and a splash of vanilla. Then, the mixture is transferred to a metal loaf pan and thrown into the freezer, only to be pulled out a few hours later — a creamy frozen dessert that’s like the inside of a peanut butter cup melting silkily on your tongue. The only actual cooking involved is simmering the maple syrup for a few

minutes to condense it. Doing so both heightens the maple flavor and evaporates excess water, which can lead to iciness. You can use either natural or commercial peanut butter to make this, but the emulsifiers in commercial peanut butters will give your ice cream an exceptionally satiny texture. That said, if you swear by natural peanut butter on your sandwich, you might not mind its more-pronounced nubby crunch in your cone. Other nut butters (almond, cashew, hazelnut) will also work, if you feel like experimenting. Just make sure to choose ones without added sugar or risk a more cloying flavor. As with any ice cream — vegan or dairy — scooping is always going to be far easier if you take the container out of the freezer at least 10 minutes and up to 30 minutes before serving. This allows the ice cream to soften slightly, but without collapsing into pudding. If you wanted to really play up the peanut butter cup link, you could serve this topped with chocolate of some variety: sprinkles, chips, shavings, fudge sauce, cookie crumbs. But I love to savor scoops unadorned. That way I can fully appreciate the silky texture, a difficult thing to achieve in homemade vegan ice cream. Until now, that is.



The ingredients for the ice cream are blended, then poured into a loaf pan before heading to the freezer.

EASY VEGAN PEANUT BUTTER-MAPLE ICE CREAM

Makes: About 3 ½ cups
Total time: 20 minutes, plus 4 hours’ freezing

¾ cup pure maple syrup
2 cups unsweetened oat creamer
1 cup smooth creamy peanut butter (preferably not natural peanut butter, which can be gritty; see note)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
Chocolate shavings or sprinkles, for serving (optional)

1. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, simmer maple syrup, stirring occasionally, until the mixture reduces by a third, 8 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let syrup cool completely, stirring it occasionally as it cools. You should have about ½ cup.

2. Place syrup, creamer, peanut butter, vanilla and salt in a blender or food processor (or use an immersion blender), and blend until smooth, 30 seconds to 2 minutes. Pour ice cream into a loaf pan.

3. Cover and place in the freezer to harden overnight or for at least 4 to 6 hours. Remove pan from the freezer at least 10 minutes before scooping and serving, topped with chocolate shavings or sprinkles, if you like.

Note: You can substitute other nut butters (almond, cashew, hazelnut) for the peanut butter. Just make sure to choose ones without added sugar or it may end up too sweet.

Kids can help make homemade strawberry ice cream sandwiches

By Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One of the best things about summer, especially if you’ve got kids or grandkids, is all the ice cream you get to eat to cool off — no excuses necessary. And it’s relatively easy to make — even if you don’t have an ice cream maker — if you go with a no-churn recipe in which whipped cream is gently folded into a sweetened condensed milk enriched with vanilla and other flavorings, like fresh fruit or spices. My 2-year-old granddaughter Greta’s current favorite is “pink” ice cream, both colored by and studded with chunks of straw-

berry. She also recently discovered ice cream sandwiches, and is such a fan that, on a recent visit, I watched her try to eat the paper wrapping on one after polishing off the cookie in an attempt to get every single drop of flavor possible into her mouth. It made me decide we should try our hands at making them at home, stirring the chocolate cookie batter together in a big bowl on the kitchen counter after mixing the ingredients for the ice cream and pouring it into a loaf pan to freeze overnight. It was a fun way to spend some one-on-one time together, and the sheer joy she expressed when we unwrapped “her” finished sand-

wiches the next day was priceless. My adult children loved them, too, as a late-night munchie. This recipe, adapted from Smitten Kitchen, is both easy and satisfying. I went slightly off script by cutting the sheet pan-sized cookie into individual

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Call watermelon feta salad a new classic

By Katie Workman
Associated Press

For a fast and easy warm-weather salad, it doesn't get better than watermelon feta.

According to Google Trends, searches for watermelon and feta cheese salads have spiked every July for more than a decade. To taste it is to know why. The distinct and refreshing combo is something I could eat several times a week during watermelon season.

I think it's safe to call it a new classic.

This salad has so few ingredients, you want each to be the best it can be.

The sweeter the watermelon, the more amazing the salad. You can use large, baby, red or yellow watermelons — whatever is available. Seedless watermelons are easy to find these days, and they make the eating experience so much simpler.

If you can chill the watermelon before cutting it, your salad will be good to go. If you start with a room-temperature melon, I recommend chilling the salad before serving.

And if you prefer to make balls with a melon baller instead of dicing the melon, go for it.

Be sure to save any extra for snacking or a watermelon smoothie — no watermelon waste allowed!

Get the best feta you can find, preferably fresh and not packaged. You can choose from French feta, Greek feta, Bulgarian feta or Lebanese feta; see what your cheese counter has on offer.

Dice or crumble the feta — if you choose crumbling, don't crumble it too finely. The pleasure of this salad is in the bites of different flavors, so you don't want them to blend together too much.

Add some mint and red onion. The contrast between the juicy, sweet



Watermelon feta salad is topped with thinly sliced red onion and mint leaves. CHEYENNE COHEN

melon and the crunchy, sharp, peppery onions (not to mention the crumbly, creamy feta) is terrific. Fresh mint ties everything together for some summertime bliss. Mint oxidizes and turns dark quickly after it is cut or torn, so add it just before assembling and serving the salad.

Finally, use a straightforward dressing of olive oil, balsamic or red wine vinegar, and a bit of salt and pepper, if desired. Taste the feta to see how salty it

is before you add salt to the dressing.

You can cube or ball the melon up to two days ahead of time. Drain off any juice that may have collected in the bottom, pour it into a glass and drink up. Delicious! You can also cube or crumble the feta two days ahead of time and store all of the components in the fridge. Leave the assembly for right before you serve the salad. Garnish with some additional fresh mint sprigs if desired.

WATERMELON FETA SALAD

Makes: 6 servings
For the dressing:
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons good balsamic or red wine vinegar
½ teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste (optional)
For the salad:
6 cups cubed or balled watermelon, chilled
½ cup thinly sliced red onion
1 ½ cups diced or crumbled feta cheese
½ cup whole mint leaves
1. In a small bowl or container, combine the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper, if using.

2. In a large, shallow bowl or serving platter, distribute salad ingredients evenly and attractively. Spread a layer of half of the watermelon cubes or balls, then sprinkle half of the onions over it, then the feta. Tear half of the mint leaves into large pieces and sprinkle over the feta. Repeat with another layer of watermelon, onions, feta and mint.
3. Shake or stir the dressing to re-combine, and pour it evenly over the salad. Serve chilled.
Variations: Change out mint for another herb — try chervil, basil or thyme. Add 1 to 2 cups diced, seeded cucumber. Replace the feta with crumbled goat cheese, diced fresh mozzarella or ricotta salata. Add a few handfuls of peppery arugula leaves.



Greta McKay, 2, enjoys a homemade sandwich filled with no-churn strawberry ice cream. GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

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squares to make the individual sandwiches, which meant some of my cookies

crumbled before being stuffed. (I didn't have an offset spatula to smooth the batter.) As a result, the sandwiches weren't picture perfect. (I saved the broken bits to crum-

ble on top of ice cream as a sundae.) But they were still pretty tasty, a great introduction to baking for a toddler — and a sweet start to everyone's summer vacation.

HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Makes: About 12 ice cream sandwiches
For the ice cream:
1 pound frozen strawberries, slightly thawed
One 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch fine salt
2 cups heavy cream, cold
For the chocolate sandwich cookies:
¼ cup (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter; cold is fine
½ cup granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon fine sea or table salt
3 tablespoons milk, any kind
1 large egg white
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon baking powder
¾ cups all-purpose flour
¼ cup cocoa powder (I used Hershey's Natural Unsweetened Cocoa)
1. Prepare ice cream: Pulse the strawberries in a food processor until they are small chunks, the size of peas. Add the condensed milk, vanilla and salt. Pulse to combine, then remove to a medium bowl and set aside.

2. Whip cream with a mixer on medium-high speed until firm peaks form, about 2 minutes. Gently fold about 1 cup of whipped cream into strawberry mixture with a rubber spatula until combined, then fold lightened mixture into whipped cream until evenly blended.
3. Pour mixture into a chilled 9-by-5-by-3-inch metal loaf pan and freeze, covered with foil or plastic wrap, until thick and creamy, like soft-serve, about 2 hours. Swirl in any desired mix-ins with a spoon, if using. Continue to freeze, covered, until solid and scoopable, at least hours more or overnight.
4. Make cookies: Heat oven to 325 degrees and line a 9-by-13-inch jelly roll pan with parchment paper that extends up the two short sides of the pan. Coat the exposed sides with butter or nonstick spray. (A little extra underneath the parchment helps it stick.)
5. Melt butter in a large bowl halfway, then whisk it until fully melted. (This keeps it from getting too hot.) Whisk in sugar, salt

and milk. Whisk in egg white and vanilla. Make sure the egg white is fully mixed; it can be stubborn. Add cocoa powder and baking powder and thoroughly mix. Add flour and stir just until it disappears.
6. Spoon into the prepared pan in small dollops and spread — an offset spatula is great here — into a thin, even layer.
7. Bake for 15 minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack. Prick all over with tines of a fork. Let cool, then cut into squares.
8. Make sandwiches: Before scooping, let ice cream soften at room temperature for 5 to 10 minutes.
9. Divide cookies in half. Scoop the ice cream in small spoonfuls over half the cookies and spread it evenly over. Press second cookie half, right-side-up, on top of each cookie. Gently press to form sandwiches, then wrap in plastic wrap or foil and place in freezer for at least 1 hour to set. Otherwise, they'll melt.
— Adapted from smitten kitchen.com

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Exceptional wine on the West Sonoma Coast

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

ANNAPOLIS, Calif. — At Peay Vineyards, 53 acres of vines on a ridge near this tiny town just 3.5 miles from the Pacific Ocean, the fog generally burns off by around 9 a.m. and the air begins to warm up. By midday, a breeze starts to blow, ruffling the leaves of the towering redwoods and getting stronger until the fog rolls in again in the late afternoon.

This is part of the challenging viticultural life in the northern part of the West Sonoma Coast, which in May became the newest official American wine appellation.

If the name sounds oxymoronic — it’s not as if there’s an east Sonoma coast — it’s testimony to the gerrymandered nature of American Viticultural Areas, as wine appellations in the United States are formally known.

The new designation was created after years of debate to distinguish the area along the coast from the vast area encompassed by the original Sonoma Coast appellation. When that appellation was established in 1987, it stretched absurdly eastward to areas so far away from the coast that the ocean had little influence on the climate.

So it was that West Sonoma Coast was established, to denote the area actually along the coast, stretching from the Pacific 5 to 7 miles inland, north to the Mendocino County border and south to the Petaluma Gap, another ocean-influenced American Viticultural Area.

The new appellation includes three subregions: the area around the towns of Freestone and Occidental to the south; Fort Ross-Seaview in the center; and Annapolis in the northern reaches of the appellation near the Mendocino border where the Peay brothers



Nick Peay, from left, Andy Peay and Vanessa Wong are seen on June 21 at Andy’s home in Piedmont, California. **BRYAN MELTZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

in 1998 planted the first substantial commercial vineyard in the Annapolis area.

For Peay Vineyards, the new designation comes as an acknowledgment, if not exactly vindication, that the area they pioneered 25 years ago offers distinctive qualities shown transparently in their wines, primarily complex, polished pinot noirs; savory syrahs; fresh, intense chardonnays; and smaller amounts of vibrant Rhône whites.

“The wine, the quality in the glass vindicates our gamble to grow grapes out here,” said Nick Peay, who, with his wife, Vanessa Wong, and brother, Andy Peay, are the three proprietors. “The AVA just helps communicate to the wine-buying public, gets them to try the wine, gets the wine into their glass. The wine can speak for itself.”

The area along the coast

is completely different from inland areas that still qualify for the greater Sonoma Coast appellation, generally cooler in the days, warmer in the nights and wetter. But even within the appellation, the conditions in the subregions vary considerably.

Fort Ross-Seaview, to the south of Annapolis, is partly defined by elevation. Vineyards must be 920 feet above sea level or more, effectively putting them above the fog line. The higher altitude means it’s generally warmer there, with earlier harvests than around Annapolis, which is lower in elevation and cooler by daytime.

Back in the mid-1990s, when the young Peay brothers decided they wanted to plant a vineyard and make wine, they were something of an anomaly. They had grown up in a suburb of Cleveland in a wine-loving family, but Andy had no experience

growing grapes or making wine. Nick had worked for a small winery that bought grapes from all over the Santa Cruz Mountains.

What’s more, neither wanted to make the sort of powerfully fruity, sometimes overripe, high-alcohol California wines that were increasingly in vogue in the late 1990s.

“We were looking for a cooler place than anywhere else,” Andy Peay said. “The theory Nick had was, if we could find a place where we didn’t struggle against the beautiful California sun, we could make wines that were fruity but had other aromatics as well.”

They decided, Andy Peay recalled, to look for ridges in the coastal mountain ranges, places where cool air could penetrate from the ocean but where they had at least a little protection from the fog.

“We drove around in pickup trucks, looking for rivers and low spots and

other things that might indicate fog, like lichen and moss on fence posts and trees,” Andy Peay said. “Ferns would tell you water was trapped in soils.”

They finally found a promising site near Annapolis, an old sheep farm and apple orchard. “The old-timer had a spiral notebook and kept a daily log of temperatures and precipitation,” he said. “We saw how the temperature changed through the season. It had quite a high average precipitation, but it’s California so we don’t get rain in the summer.”

In 1996, they bought 280 acres 600 to 800 feet in elevation.

The brothers began planting the vineyard in 1998, primarily with pinot noir, which, before the movie “Sideways” sent the popularity of pinot noir soaring in 2004, was something of a risk. They planted smaller amounts of chardonnay and syrah and tiny quantities of viognier, roussanne and marsanne.

It would be a few years before they’d have enough grapes to make wine.

Nick took on the role of farmer. Andy would handle marketing and sales. In 2001, in time for their first vintage, Wong, an experienced winemaker, joined the team. She has made every vintage since.

The West Sonoma Coast region has blossomed in the past 30 years, beginning in the more southern areas with Summa Vineyard and Coastlands Vineyard near Occidental and Hirsch Vineyards, Fort Ross Vineyard and Flow-ers Vineyards around Fort Ross. The Annapolis area followed. Vineyards in the area now include Hartford Court, Campbell Ranch, Goldrock Estate, Ridgetop Vineyard and more.

Peay’s initial wines were not in the dominant style of the time. They were intense without being heavy or fruity, and taut and refresh-

ing with lively acidity. The aim, Andy Peay said, was to show the characteristics and potential of the vineyard in wines that were intended to go with food. That required him to sell the wines virtually by hand.

Over the past 20 years, the stylistic pendulum of California winemaking has swung in Peay’s direction. Tastes are far more diverse, and the Sonoma Coast has come to be known as a source for fresh, balanced wines, though that depends as much on the intent of the producers as on what vineyards can offer.

After 20 vintages, the Annapolis area is still a challenging place to make wine. Immigration rules and the difficulty of living in the area make it hard to attract vineyard workers. The Peay winery is inland, in Cloverdale, where the 2021 vintage is aging in barrels, because it would have been too expensive to build a winery at the vineyard.

Wong’s winemaking has gotten more precise over time. In good vintages Peay now makes several different pinot noirs, syrahs and chardonnays, a viognier and a blend of roussanne and marsanne (if these two ripen enough for a wine). In addition, they have a second label, Cep, for wines made from purchased grapes that sell for about half the price of the Peay wines.

In 2020, drifting smoke from forest fires forced the Peays to make just 500 cases of their estate pinot noir rather than the usual 2,000. A spring frost this year on May 8 killed an estimated 10% of the crop. The local waterway, the Wheatfield Fork, which empties into the Gualala River, was already dry in June.

Nobody said life working on the West Sonoma Coast was easy. The fog keeps rolling in and the wind will blow. But the wines are worth it.



Smoky chili-garlic pork burgers are loosely inspired by Filipino “chori” burgers. **MILK STREET**

Asian chili-garlic sauce punches up pork burgers

By Christopher Kimball
For Associated Press

For summer cookouts, update long-held traditions with globally inspired flavors — starting with the burger.

This recipe from our book “COOKish,” which limits recipes to just six ingredients without sacrificing flavor, is loosely based on a Filipino “chori” burger. It’s a spiced chorizo patty topped with a banana ketchup, mayo and a relish called atchara, or pickled green papaya. The sweet-savory toppings wonderfully balance the richness of the chili-spiced pork.

Looking to pare the ingredients down to the essentials, we tried jarred Asian

chili-garlic sauce and were delighted with the results. Most jars at the supermarket contain a bright mixture of chilies and garlic, of course, but also tangy rice vinegar, salt and sugar, making it several seasonings in one.

Since pork burgers tend to dry out easily, we mixed the sauce directly into the ground pork to help keep the meat moist. A smear of chili-garlic mayonnaise reinforced the flavors in the meat mixture.

Pillow-soft, subtly sweet buns are a particularly good match for the tender, juicy burgers. We especially like potato buns or rolls. Serve with lettuce, sliced tomato, pickles or any of your favorite burger toppings.

SMOKY CHILI-GARLIC PORK BURGERS

Total time: 30 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

⅓ cup mayonnaise

5 teaspoons plus 2 tablespoons chili-garlic sauce, divided

3 teaspoons packed brown sugar, divided

1 pound ground pork

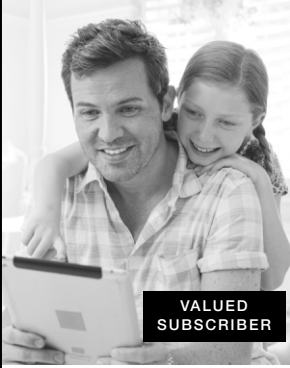
2 teaspoons smoked paprika

Kosher salt and ground black pepper

1 tablespoon neutral oil

4 hamburger buns, preferably potato buns

Mix the mayonnaise, 5 teaspoons chili-garlic sauce and 1 teaspoon sugar. In a medium bowl, mix the pork, paprika, the remaining 2 tablespoons chili-garlic sauce, the remaining 2 teaspoons sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Form into 4 patties. In a 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the patties and cook, flipping once, until well browned on both sides and the centers reach 160 degrees, 8 to 10 minutes total. Serve in buns spread with the mayonnaise mixture.



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**TAIWANESE
POPCORN CHICKEN
WITH FRIED BASIL**

This spiced fried chicken is a staple in the night markets of Taiwan. You can order the chicken in cutlet form or small bites like these, which are served in paper bags with wooden skewers. This recipe uses a few spices that cannot be skipped: five-spice powder and white pepper. The Sichuan peppercorns are a bonus, adding a little numbing tingle. If you can't find Sichuan peppercorns, use black peppercorns instead. You won't get the same tingly feeling, but the chicken will be just as good. If using gluten-free soy sauce or tamari, this recipe will be gluten free thanks to the tapioca flour, which imparts the dish's signature crunch.

- Total time:** 30 minutes, plus 1 hour marinating
Makes: 4 to 6 servings
1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons sugar
1 ½ teaspoons Chinese five-spice powder
1 teaspoon ground white pepper
4 teaspoons kosher salt
6 cups vegetable oil
1 tablespoon Sichuan peppercorns or whole black peppercorns
1 cup tapioca flour
1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1. In a large bowl,** season chicken thighs with soy sauce, sugar, five-spice powder, white pepper and 2 teaspoons kosher salt. Set aside to marinate about 1 hour at room temperature, or refrigerate it overnight.
- 2. When ready to cook,** fit a medium pot with a cooking thermometer and heat vegetable oil over medium to 350 degrees. Coarsely grind the peppercorns in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle, and mix with the remaining 2 teaspoons kosher salt. Set aside.
- 3. Wet** your hands and toss marinated chicken with tapioca flour and about 1 tablespoon water until the tapioca flour looks like small beads and clings to the chicken. (Adding a little moisture to your chicken helps the tapioca flour form small beads that will also stick to the chicken and give it a very crunchy crust.)
- 4. Working in batches,** add the battered chicken to the hot oil and fry until golden brown and crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. With a slotted spoon or spider, transfer fried chicken to a paper towel-lined plate and season each batch with peppercorn mixture.
- 5. Fry** basil leaves until translucent and crisp, 1 to 2 minutes, then scatter over the fried chicken. Serve with leftover peppercorn mixture for sprinkling to taste.
- *Recipe by Sue Li*

A street-food classic RE-IMAGINED

Taiwanese fried chicken is gaining a foothold in the American culinary landscape

By Cathy Erway
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Growing up, chef David Kuo and his brothers played video games in a converted garage in the family's backyard in West Covina, California. Just outside, luffa gourds, garlic chives, sweet potato leaves and other crops beloved in Taiwan grew in his grandmother's vegetable garden.

Yet Kuo's father would often come home late from work with a bucket of Church's fried chicken, and they would dig in as they wrestled pixelated figures on the screen.

The bony pieces were unlike the styles of fried chicken Kuo encountered at street vendor stalls on family visits to Taiwan: yan su ji, boneless popcorn chicken strewn with fried basil leaves, and da ji pai, butterflied boneless breast cutlets. Marinated in soy sauce, rice wine, often garlic and always five-spice powder, then coated with coarse sweet potato starch, fried and finished with a dusting of white pepper, Taiwanese fried chicken is typically served in paper bags, without any sauce, for easy on-the-go snacking.

At Kuo's Los Angeles restaurant, Little Fatty, the poultry on the menu feels familiar, yet distinctive. In a nod to his Taiwanese roots, his American childhood and his fine-dining background, Kuo sells small, bone-in pieces of popcorn quail topped with fried basil, with spicy mayo for dipping.

"It symbolizes Taiwanese cuisine, obviously, but for me, it brings back memories," he said. "Eating something with bones in front of the TV was the ultimate fun."

Interest in Taiwanese cooking is surging in the United States, with cookbooks that chronicle the cuisine dotting the horizon and new shops and pop-ups opening left and right. A cultural tentpole, Taiwanese fried chicken is finding a wider audience of diners and selling out at restaurants in the process. The crispy, aromatic chicken, which often can

be found popcorn-style at boba shops in the United States, is gaining its foothold in the American culinary landscape amid a fried-chicken fervor: Fast-food chains battle for the title of best crispy chicken sandwich. Korean fried chicken chains dot college campuses. Indian fried chicken sandwiches draw crowds and inspire spirited reviews in New York City.

Kuo is among a generation of Taiwanese American chefs who are molding this night-market fixture to fit their own upbringings and tastes. They're tucking Taiwanese fried chicken into sandwiches and steamed buns, serving it atop sliced white bread with pickles and drenching it with sauces in acknowledgment of regional American specialties and their life experiences.

At Java Saga in Atlanta, Alvin Sun serves four different Taiwanese fried chicken sandwiches, the most popular of which is the A.B.C.: Southern-style coleslaw, sweet pickles, jalapeño-American cheese and habanero-mango sauce atop what he calls his Taiwan No. 1 fried chicken cutlet. Customers love it, whether or not they have any concept of what Taiwanese fried chicken should be.

"As long as they have an interest in trying it, they do seem to like it," Sun said.

Java Saga's chicken recipe is well traveled and closely guarded: Sun adapted it from the one his mother and kitchen collaborator, Amy Lee, used to prepare hundreds of pounds of yan su ji for Atlanta's Lunar New Year festival when he was in middle school. She, in turn, had adapted the recipe from a friend who owned a fried chicken business in Taichung, Taiwan.

It may be tempting to conclude that Taiwanese fried chicken evolved from Japanese fried chicken styles like karaage and katsu, given Japan's colonization of Taiwan from 1895 to 1945. But Taiwanese fried chicken's history is quite contemporary, said Katy Hui-wen Hung, a co-author of "A Culinary



Bone-in popcorn quail at Little Fatty in Los Angeles. The dish is inspired by a handful of chef David Kuo's experiences: a childhood enjoying Church's bone-in chicken, visits to Taiwan's street-food stalls and his fine-dining background. **LENNY GILMORE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



Katie Liu-Sung is the owner and chef at Chewology in Kansas City, Missouri. **KATIE CURRID/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

History of Taipei.
Yan su ji dates back to the night markets of the 1970s, around the time the Taiwanese chain TKK Fried Chicken, modeled after Southern-style chicken joints, was founded. As fried chicken's prominence in the country's urban dining scene grew in the 1980s, American chains like KFC proliferated across Taiwan. Da ji pai didn't become a popular street food until the 1990s.

"Spaghetti, fried chicken and pizza were the sort of things that young Taiwanese people go out for, like a

treat," Hung said.

Traditionally, Taiwanese fried chicken is not dipped in a wet batter, and according to some Taiwanese American chefs, it's not Taiwanese fried chicken if it's not lightly coated with sweet-potato starch, which creates an irresistibly crackly crust. And signature to the popcorn chicken style are those deeply fried crystalline shards of jade basil that garnish the bite-size pieces.

Many of today's Taiwanese American chefs are eager to individualize their yan su ji and dai ji pan

while evoking nostalgia for the classics. Eric Sze, the chef and an owner of 886 and WenWen in New York City, does so in a few ways.

There's the popcorn chicken drenched in a hot-honey glaze at both restaurants, and the Notorious TFC sandwich at 886: a da ji pai-style breast on a toasted sesame seed bun (inspired by the 2000 debut of a fried chicken sandwich at a Taipei McDonald's) with pickled daikon and carrot (a hat tip to a vegetable condiment at the Vietnamese restaurant Madame Vo, in the East Village of Manhattan), and a housemade sea mountain sauce (a tomato-y condiment served with oyster omelets in Taiwan).

And then there's the BDSM (brined, deboned, soy milk) fried chicken at WenWen, which opened in Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighborhood in March. The elaborate sharing plate defies convention: It's a whole young hen with its feet intact, dredged in an airy, wet batter of whipped silken tofu, soy milk and sweet potato starch that forms a brittle, light crust. The deep-fried bird is sliced into crispy strips for easy eating.

Sze says living in New York City has provided him endless inspiration for reimagining classics.

"To see the boundarylessness of cuisines and just kind of unapologetically stealing from other cultures — that's what's done around the world," Sze said.

If anyone at his restaurants is complaining about

the interpretation, it may be because they can't get enough of it. The dish consistently sells out before 6 p.m.

This moment is especially meaningful to chefs like Katie Liu-Sung, who has been cooking professionally since she was 16. Her first job was at a Church's Chicken in Taichung, Taiwan, where she lived after spending her early childhood in Southern California. The Texas-born fried chicken chain had locations throughout Taiwan in the 1980s and '90s, and she worked at a couple of them over the years, following their formulas for frying chicken and baking biscuits.

Liu-Sung is now the chef and owner of Chewology, a Taiwanese restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri, that serves a classic rendition of popcorn chicken, as well as a steamed bun sandwich with Taiwanese fried chicken, cucumber pickles and chile mayo.

"There's no limitation to what we have to push out on the menu, and that is becoming a really inspiring thing," Liu-Sung said. "If people are really accepting of that here, I think it's really beautiful."

One night this year, a woman walked into the restaurant and began tearing up. The smell of freshly fried Taiwanese fried chicken permeating the room made her emotional, she told Liu-Sung.

"Because it reminded her of home."